

ABOUT THE NCCAOM: MISSION

Mission: To assure the safety and well-being of the public and to advance the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine by establishing and promoting national evidence-based standards of competence and credentialing.

Public Safety – Partnership with State Regulators

- State Reliance on NCCAOM's certification exams as a requirement for licensure
- Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Review
- Continued competencies thru Maintenance of Certification

ABOUT THE NCCAOM: LEADERSHIP ROLE

NCCAOM's Leadership Role in the AOM Community

- Federal Advocacy to promote qualifications for AOM practitioners
- Partner with national and state associations to advance the profession through NCCAOM Certification
- Public Education: Promotion of NCCAOM National Standards



NCCAOM CORE BUSINESS



Certification: Development and administration of the Acupuncture, Chinese Herbology, and Oriental Medicine Certification Programs. All programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).



Recertification: Ensure NCCAOM Diplomates are performing activities to stay current within their practice area to benefit safety and trust of the public as well as meeting the needs of the Diplomate.



PDA Approval: Approve continuing education sponsors as “PDA Providers” who, in turn, are allowed to issue PDA Points (CEUs) to Diplomates.



Practice tests: Assist candidates in preparing for the NCCAOM Certification Examinations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NCCAOM RE-CERTIFICATION

1.

Complete 60 PDA/CEU credits in 4-year cycle
(CEUs approved by state acupuncture board are accepted)

2.

Report all PDA/CEUs to the NCCAOM Online
Portal

3.

Complete an online application for
Re-Certification

100%
ONLINE

Payment,
documents

Applications

Exam Results

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SIGNIFICANCE OF PROMOTING NATIONAL STANDARDIZED BOARD EXAMS AND STANDARDS

Establishes minimum competency that can be used nationally making it easier for employers including DOD, VA, and hospitals to expand employment. Many hospitals, employers and insurance companies now require NCCAOM certification as a requirement before hiring/including acupuncturists

Promoting National Board Certification and standards demonstrates commitment to excellence, self-regulation (with NCCAOM Code of Ethics), and establishes NCCAOM National Board-Certified Acupuncturists/Practitioners as the experts in the field with state and federal government

VA now requiring NCCAOM National Board Certification for employment and increase from GS 8 to GS 9-12 depending on education.

NCCAOM Certification Programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). NCCA Standards were developed to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public. They highlight the essential elements of a high-quality program.

BENEFITS OF OBTAINING & MAINTAINING NCCAOM CERTIFICATION

NCCAOM Certification

- Demonstrates entry-level competency of AOM practitioners
- Provides more portability for state licensing

NCCAOM Recertification

- Documents maintenance of core competencies and professional growth and development by Diplomates

NCCAOM Ethics and Disciplinary Review Process

- Promotes safe practice of acupuncture by reporting and monitoring disciplined Diplomates

NEW NCCAOM REINSTATEMENT ROUTE

- Limited time opportunity for Former Diplomates to return to Active Status
- Requirements:
 - ❖ Continuous state license
 - ❖ CNT Review Course
 - ❖ Safety, Ethics, CPR
 - ❖ Background Screening
 - ❖ Continued Education Coursework
- Online Processes only
- Go Live date – 12/10/2019
- Concludes **06/10/2021**



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NCCAOM GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Spearhead application to the BLS to move "Acupuncturists" from sub-code under "29-1199.99 - Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other" to an independent occupational code. - **Completed in 2017**



Provided information to Dept of VA now hiring acupuncturists and requires NCCAOM certification as qualification for Acupuncturist since 2018.



Develop and nurture relationships at the federal and national healthcare institutions to promote NCCAOM Board-Certified/state licensed acupuncturists.



Provide verification of certification and passage of NCCAOM examinations to regulatory bodies, employer, and insurance providers.



Synergize with ASA to provide information to CMS and other agencies for coverage of acupuncture services for Medicare



Promote and advance acupuncture services as provided by National Board-Certified Acupuncturists vs other healthcare practitioners offering acupuncture services

ADVOCATING AND COLLABORATING WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- CARES Act & Future Relief – Coming Soon CARES IV Update

- Visit the NCCAOM's and ASA's COVID-19 pages

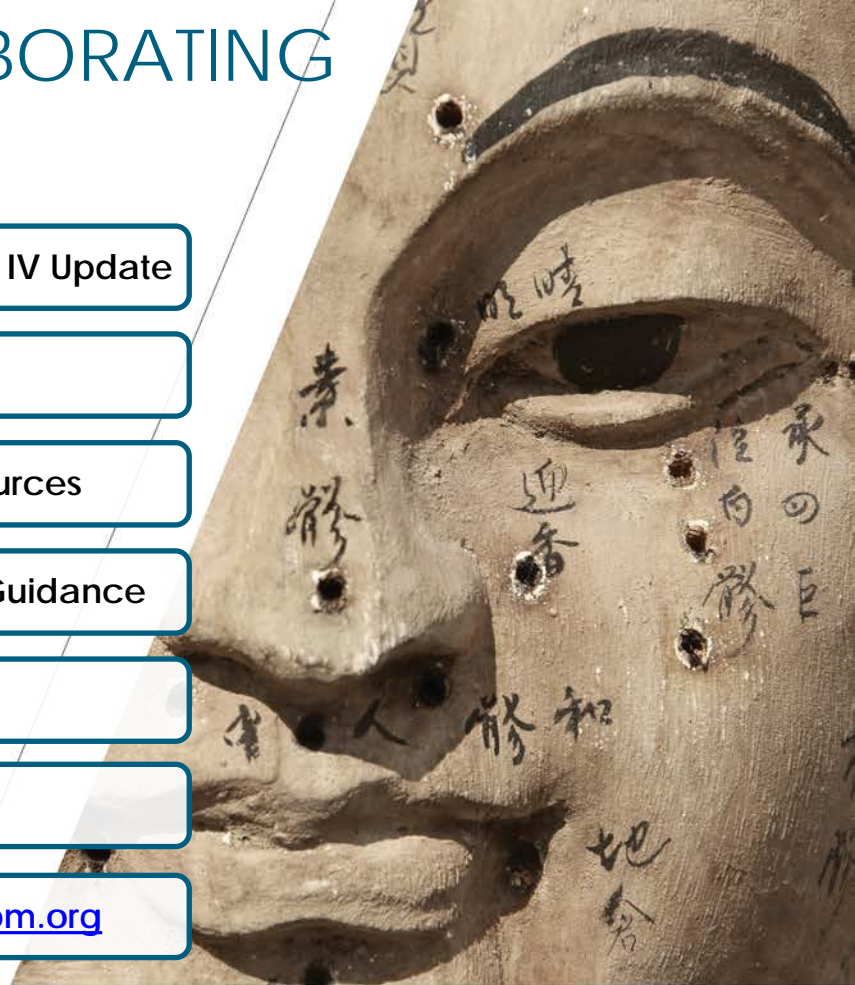
- Look to Your State for Up to Date COVID-19 resources

- Consult Your Accountants/Lenders for Specific Guidance

- Document Any Relief Assistance

- Join and support your state associations!

- Contact us with questions: Advocacy@thenccaom.org



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