

**21 NCAC 10 .0208 ACUPUNCTURE**

Until July 1, 2008, in order to perform acupuncture, a licentiate or applicant for licensure must first certify to the Board that he has completed a minimum of 100 hours' coursework in acupuncture-meridian therapy, including sterile needle technique, theory of acupuncture and differential diagnosis of clinical indications. This coursework must be offered as either part of the curriculum leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree or at the post-doctoral level, and by a college accredited pursuant to G.S. 90-143(b). Beginning July 1, 2008, in order to perform acupuncture, a licentiate or applicant for licensure must first certify to the Board that he has completed a minimum of 200 hours of the above-described coursework; provided, that this requirement of 200 hours' coursework shall apply only to a licentiate or applicant for licensure whose initial certification date falls on or after July 1, 2008. Any licentiate certified prior to July 1, 2008 may continue to perform acupuncture without obtaining additional education.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-142; 90-143; 90-151;  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 27, 2019.*