

NCCAOM Regulatory Affairs Online Forum

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Mission and Core Values

To establish, assess, and promote recognized standards of competence and safety in acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the protection and benefit of the public.

Values

- Testing Excellence
- Service
- Integrity
- Trust
- Leadership
- Community Support



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Course Objectives



At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Contact the appropriate NCCAOM staff member.
- Cite key demographic findings from NCCAOM Job Task Analysis (JTA).
- Identify new policies for recertification.
- Summarize the components of the NCCAOM CEU/PDA program.



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Course Objectives Cont.



- Understand the relationship between the NCCAOM and the State Regulatory Boards.
- Appreciate the value of the Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies.
- Name the services and products of the NCCAOM that support legislative activities including the Regulatory Affairs Taskforce.



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2008 Job Task Analysis (JTA)

Goals

- **Primary:**

Identify **entry-level competencies** and **tasks** performed by practitioners, based on **criticality** and **frequency** of tasks, resulting in a new content outline for each exam.

- **Secondary:**

To collect demographic and workforce-related data to share with regulatory agencies.



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2008 JTA

Research Design

- 4,000 Diplomates received and opened an e-mail invitation to participate in the survey.
- Diplomates completed the survey through an online submission over a 30-day period.
- 712 valid responses (17.8% response rate) were received.



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2008 JTA

Key Findings

- 70% women and 30% men
- White (72%), Asian (22%), Other (6%)
- Geographic Distribution
 - 36% West
 - 23% Northeast
 - 20% South
 - 16% Midwest.
- 60% work a part-time schedule
- 88% are in solo practice or self employed
- 28% are both self employed and work for someone else



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2008 JTA Key Findings



- States with highest Diplomate Response:
 - California
 - New York
 - Florida
 - Colorado
 - Washington

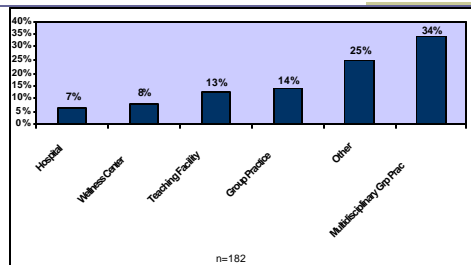
- Average number of CE hours earned per year
 - 32 hours



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2008 JTA Work Settings By Non-Solo Practitioners



Other = AOM Group Practice, Integrated Specialty, Research Community Health Spa, Patient Homes, and Community Health Facilities.



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2008 JTA Practice Characteristics - Income



- Average gross income = \$41K to \$60K:
 - 70.1% earn less than \$60K
 - 21.1% earn \$61K to \$120K
 - 8.8% earn over \$121K

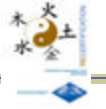
- Higher income associated with:
 - Hours worked
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Degree



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Recertification



- Recertification Program modified to emphasize both
 - Core competency maintenance
 - Professional development
- 60 PDA points required per recertification cycle
 - Must include 4 PDA points in Ethics and/or Safety
- New requirement for 2010
 - Current CPR certificate



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Recertification



Diplomates can now earn PDA credits for:

- Advocating for legislation
- Serving as a member on a state, regional, or national committee or regulatory board

Note: A maximum of 10 PDA points per recertification cycle for these activities



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NCCAOM's PDA (CEU) Programs

- Over 3,000 programs
- Currently 650 PDA Providers
- PDA Search Engine Features
 - Search by:
 - Keyword
 - State
 - Individual Courses
 - Multiple Day Seminars (Conferences)
 - Distance Learning/Online Courses



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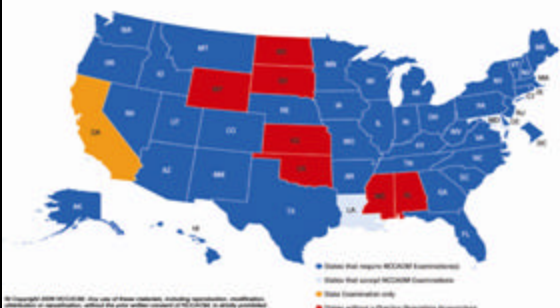
NCCAOM Support for State Regulatory Boards

- Exam Results and Certification Status reports for licensure purposes
- Full-time staff liaison on call for State Regulatory Boards
- Disciplinary actions reported to state boards
- State licensure contracts for examination services



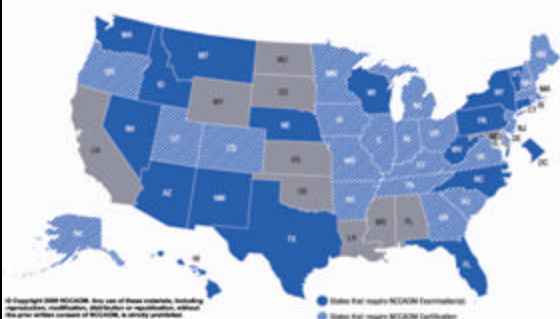
In 2008 Delaware became newest state to regulate, 86% of the states now regulate acupuncture.

States Using NCCAOM Examinations for Acupuncture Licensure



22 States Now Require NCCAOM Certification.

States Use of NCCAOM Certification or Exams for Acupuncture Licensure



NCCAOM Ethical Guidelines

- Code of Ethics – *Newly Revised*
- Grounds for Professional Discipline
- Procedures for Upholding Professional Conduct



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Disciplinary Action



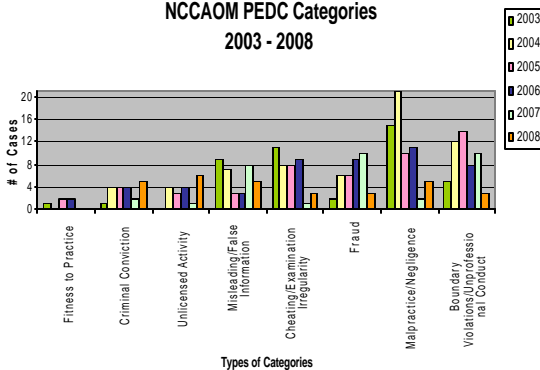
- Disciplinary action is taken for various offenses, including cheating, boundary violations, fraud, non-licensed activity, negligence and criminal conviction.
- Penalties for violations may include denial of certification, probation, suspension, or revocation of certification.



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**NCCAOM PEDC Categories
2003 - 2008**



Exam Results Reports

States that have already taken advantage of this time-saving service:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin



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FAOMRA

Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies
National Representation of State Regulatory Issues



Pete Gonzalez,
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Board of
Examiners

MISSION

"to provide an organization through which member agencies may work together to better assure the protection of the public through good communication about licensure, practice, regulatory activity and professional disciplinary action and to promote the delivery of quality healthcare to the public."

HISTORY

- In 1997, several state Boards banded together to establish the Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies (FAOMRA).
- This was done to fill the void at the national level for representation of state regulatory issues by boards and agencies regulating the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Profession.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- FAOMRA works closely with professional and certifying organizations such as the ACAOM, NCCAOM, CCAOM, and the AAAOM.
- FAOMRA convenes annually in conjunction with the meetings of the AAAOM. The public is welcome.

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FAOMRA

Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies

Why reinvent the wheel when you can find what you are looking for at our annual meetings?



Penny Heister,
Executive
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Board of
Acupuncture

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- Discuss national issues
- Share and resolve common regulatory problems
- Share procedural ideas
- Meet with national representatives
- Learn different state laws and regulations

Topics

- Reciprocity and licensure by endorsement
- Movement to the entry level doctorate degree
- Herbal medicine regulation
- Communication between boards
- Sharing of disciplinary matters
- Ethics

Member States

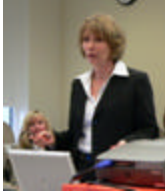
Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia

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NCCAOM Resources: State Relations

Testimony before state boards and legislative bodies regarding NCCAOM certification standards

- Letters of support for legislation
- Lobbying to promote national standards
- Provide current information on national and international use of NCCAOM examinations



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NCCAOM Services for State Associations

We Can Help You To:

- Work with State Boards and Legislative Committees to increase your scope of practice.
- Change state laws to allow for state insurance coverage for acupuncture services.
- Ensure that disciplinary standards for practitioners are maintained.



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Regulatory Affairs Taskforce



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Purpose:

- Serve as a resource for preparing and delivering testimony
- Unite for legislative initiatives when a common goal exists
- Focus on portability through NCCAOM certification. Result: each state would have the same standard.



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Regulatory Affairs Taskforce

Goals:

- Verify that NCCAOM certifications/examinations are meeting state standards when scope of practice is changed.
- Link to other organizations to expand the influence and effectiveness of state and federal initiatives.
- Work together to promote standards that result in national patient safety standards.
- Acquire input from the members of the taskforce for designing the annual State Survey.



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NCCAOM Resources: New Brochures

- Consumer Guide
- NCCAOM Certifications



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NCCAOM Resources: Online Classes

- *Professional Ethics and Liability*
- *New: Effective Marketing and Lobbying through Your NCCAOM Certification*

Note: Each course approved for 4 NCCAOM PDA (CEU) points.



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Questions and Answers

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We welcome your questions and your feedback

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