

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Grounds for Professional Discipline

Effective as of 1/22/2006

A. Unethical Behavior

1. Making false, misleading, or deceptive statements or providing false, misleading, or deceptive information in connection with an application for NCCAOM certification or recertification, NCCAOM disciplinary investigation or proceeding, licensure or other professional designation.
2. Violating NCCAOM Code of Ethics, Examination Policies, or other regulations or procedures.
3. Misrepresenting professional credentials (i.e. education, training, experience, level of competence, skills, and/or certification status).
4. Advertising false, misleading or deceptive information.
5. Exceeding the scope of practice as defined by law or certification.
6. Obtaining or attempting to obtain compensation or reimbursement by fraud or deceit.
7. Engaging in negligent billing or recordkeeping.
8. Performing services without obtaining informed consent.
9. Failing to maintain patient/practitioner confidentiality.
10. Failing to maintain professional boundaries in relationships with patients, or in any way exploiting the practitioner/patient trust.
11. Engaging in sexual contact with a current patient if the contact commences after the practitioner/patient relationship is established.
12. Engaging in sexual contact with a former patient unless a reasonable period of time has elapsed since the professional relationship ended and unless the sexual contact does not exploit the trust established during the professional relationship.
13. Violating prevailing standards of the certified profession relating to safe, ethical, and/or competent practice.

B. Legal and Disciplinary Matters

1. Failing to notify the NCCAOM within thirty days of any changes to information submitted in an application pertaining to professional ethics or fitness to practice, including but not limited to any disciplinary actions taken by a school or regulating agency, or any criminal charges, or civil actions that may be relevant to a health care profession or fitness to practice.
2. Being convicted of a felony.
3. Being convicted of any violation of a federal, state or local statute, regulation, or ordinance that relates to the practice of any health care profession or fitness to practice.

4. Being the subject of final disciplinary action that relates to the practice of any health care profession or my fitness to practice.
5. Having a license to practice subject to reprimand, limitation, suspension or revocation in any state or jurisdiction.

C. Incompetence

Engaging in conduct that evinces a lack of knowledge of, or lack of ability in, or failure to apply the prevailing principles and/or skills of the profession for which the individual has been certified.

D. Impairment

Being unable to safely and effectively engage in the certified practice due to substance abuse, physical or psychological impairment.