

CHAPTER 5
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PRACTICE OF
ACUPUNCTURE

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§5101. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

(a) *Acupuncture* means the science and art of examination and diagnosis based on Oriental medical theory, treatment by stimulation of a certain point or points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of needles and/or stimulation by other sources to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain diseases or dysfunctions of the body and includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping, and moxibustion, or any combinations of these.

(b) *Acupuncturist* means a person who has graduated from an accredited school of acupuncture and is licensed to practice acupuncture in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

(c) *Accredited School of Acupuncture* means a school of acupuncture accredited by the National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

(d) *Board* means the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

(e) *Cupping* means to apply vacuum suction to certain locations on the skin before or after insertion of acupuncture needles.

(f) *Earned Degree* means a Master or Doctorate degree in acupuncture or oriental medicine from an accredited school of acupuncture (not honorary).

(g) *Electroacupuncture* means application of electronic devices designed to stimulate acupuncture

points in following with the acupuncture theory.

(h) *Moxibustion* means to ignite (burn) moxa herb to produce heat on the acupuncture point.

(i) *Practice of Acupuncture* means to represent, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability or willingness to provide acupuncture treatment.

§5102. Qualifications for Licensing. In addition to the qualifications required by the Board, any applicant for a license to practice acupuncture must meet the following requirements:

(a) Applicants graduating from United States schools:

(1) Earned a Master or Doctorate, (or equivalent degree) by a accredited school of Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine, as determined by the Credential Evaluation Services;

(2) Be a practitioner of acupuncture licensed by a state of the United States;

(3) The license referred to at paragraph (2) be current and in good standing and the applicant not be the subject of any investigation for disciplinary action or disciplinary action by the licensing board of any state or foreign country.

(4) Be of good moral character and not have been convicted of any offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude under the laws of the Territory of Guam.

(b) Applicants graduating from foreign schools:

(1) Earned a degree of Master or Doctor of acupuncture or oriental medicine from a foreign college or school of acupuncture or oriental medicine having credentials equivalent to a United States accredited school of acupuncture;

(2) Completed a course of study equivalent to the course of study a graduate of a United States accredited school of acupuncture graduate must complete to earn a degree in acupuncture or oriental medicine, as determined by a evaluation conducted by the International Education Research Foundation, Inc. to have credentials evaluated, transcripts may be submitted to the International Education Research Foundation, Inc., Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 66940, Los Angeles, California 90066;

(3) Be a practitioner of acupuncture licensed by a state of the United States.

(4) The licensed referred to at paragraph (3) be current and in good standing and the applicant not be the subject of any investigation for the disciplinary action or disciplinary action by the licensing board of any state or foreign country;

(5) Be of good moral character and not have been convicted of any offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude under the laws of the Territory of Guam.

§5103. Authorized Activities. An acupuncturist's license authorizes the holder thereof:

(a) To engage in the practice of acupuncture.

(b) To perform the use of oriental massage, breathing techniques, exercise, or nutrition, including the incorporation of drugless substances or herbal products as dietary supplements to promote health.

§5104. Use of Sterilized Disposal Needles. Any

acupuncture licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall use only sterilized disposal needles. The acupuncture representative on the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners shall periodically inspect each acupuncture clinic, with the assistance of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and report his findings to the Board.

§5105. License Requirement. No person shall practice acupuncture in this Territory, either gratuitously or for pay or shall offer to practice, or shall hold themselves out to the public, advertise, declare, represent or in any way proclaim to practice acupuncture or use any titles, words, letters, signs, devices, techniques, maneuvers or modalities that could represent to the public that such person is authorized to engage in the practice of acupuncture, either publicly or privately, without having a valid and current license from the territory.

§5106. Effective Date. These rules and regulations shall take effect prospectively commencing on the date of enactment, however, any person licensed by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to practice acupuncture on the date of the enactment shall be allowed to continue to engage in the practice of acupuncture.