

Language to be changed is in **bold**.

328-G:3 Board Established. –

I. There shall be a board of acupuncture licensing consisting of the following members:

(a) Four acupuncturists **and two acupuncture detoxification specialists**, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, who shall:

(1) Hold a current, valid license to practice **acupuncture** under this chapter.

(2) Have been residents of this state for at least one year immediately preceding such appointment.

328-G:9 Licensure Required; Renewal; Reissuance; Continuing Education. –

I. No person shall practice acupuncture within this state without first obtaining a license from the board except physicians licensed under RSA 329 and doctors of naturopathic medicine certified under RSA 328-E:12.

II. The board shall issue a license to any applicant who satisfies all of the following requirements:

(a) Has reached the age of majority.

(b) Has current, active NCCAOM certification, **or its equivalent**, or prior NCCAOM certification with documentation of continuing education pursuant to paragraph X of this section, or equivalent certification approved by the board through examination or Credentials Documentation Review.

(c) Has paid the required license application fee and filed the board approved licensure application.

(d) Is of good professional character.

(e)(1) Has earned **[an associate's degree]** **sufficient credits to enter an accredited school of Acupuncture**, registered nurse, or physician's assistant degree from an accredited institution, and has a current, valid license to practice acupuncture from another state whose requirements are substantially equal to or exceed the requirements of RSA 328-G:9, II; or

(2) Has successfully completed a post-secondary acupuncture college program which is approved by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine ("ACAHM"), including its successors or predecessors, or the board; or

(3) Has successfully completed an apprenticeship program that, at the time of completion, was in compliance with certification standards set by NCCAOM, including its successors or predecessors. All applicants seeking licensure via apprenticeship

route who have not graduated from an accredited acupuncture school must be able to meet all NCCAOM standards for certification or hold a valid license to practice acupuncture from another state whose requirements are substantially similar to or exceed the requirements of RSA 328-G:9, II.

328-G:9-a Certified Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist. –

I. The board shall certify as an acupuncture detoxification specialist a qualified individual, not licensed by the board as an acupuncturist, who has successfully completed NADA training or other training in acupuncture detoxification protocols as determined by the board and complied with the rules of the board adopted pursuant to RSA 328-G:7, XIV.

II. (a) A "qualified individual" shall mean a licensed health care professional, recovery coach, peer counselor, or other board approved professional, trained in acu-detox, a standardized auricular acupuncture protocol developed by the NADA, or a training that meets or exceeds the NADA training, as determined by the board, provided she or he is under the general supervision of a licensed acupuncturist, trained in the NADA protocol or equivalent for the purposes of behavioral health applications, including addictions, mental health, and disaster and emotional trauma.

(b) "General supervision" shall be provided **for the first renewal cycle** by site visit, phone, or other electronic means during business hours with at least 2 site visits per year by a licensed acupuncturist currently licensed in New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 328-G:9. The supervising licensed acupuncturist shall not be required to be on site for direction and supervision, but shall be available at least by telecommunications.

III. Nothing in this chapter is intended to limit, interfere with, or prevent an acupuncture detoxification specialist certified by the board from practicing within the scope of his or her certification.