

NEW MEXICO BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE
PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
October 2025

16.2.9 CONTINUING EDUCATION:

A. A doctor of oriental medicine shall complete continuing education in oriental medicine equivalent to that required by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (NCCAOM). A doctor of oriental medicine shall submit to the board at the time of license renewal either of the following:

(1) proof of continuing NCCAOM recertification in oriental medicine, or in both acupuncture and Chinese herbology, or in acupuncture only if licensed prior to 1997, or;

(2) proof of completion of 15 hours annually, or 60 hours every four years, of NCCAOM approved continuing education courses or of courses approved by other acupuncture or oriental medicine licensing authorities;

(3) a course taken for initial certification in expanded practice may not also be used for continuing education required for annual license renewal.

B. proof of current basic life support, BLS, and CPR with proof of having completed an American heart association or American red cross approved course, or American safety and health institute; hands-on supervised practice of clinical skills is required; the didactic portion may be completed on-line; a current copy of this card shall be submitted to the board at the time of each annual license renewal.

C. A doctor of oriental medicine who is a board approved examiner, examiner supervisor, or examiner trainer, for the clinical skills examination, shall be granted continuing education credit for time spent functioning as an examiner or training to be an examiner. This also applies to an observing board member who has completed the training. The continuing education credit is limited to 12 hours per year.

D. The board shall annually audit a random ten percent of continuing education documentation to determine the validity of the documentation.

E. ~~A doctor of oriental medicine who provides the board with false information or makes a false statement to the board may be subject to disciplinary action, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure~~ An individual who submits records or a sworn affidavit on the renewal application to demonstrate compliance with continuing education requirements but is found to be noncompliant during a random audit will be subject to fines and other penalties determined appropriate by the board, pursuant to Section 61-14A-17 NMSA 1978, and the Uniform Licensing

Act,
Section 61-1-1 NMSA 1978, et seq.