

Kristen Chevrier proposes the following substitute bill:

Acupuncturist Licensing Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kristen Chevrier

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to licensure as an acupuncturist.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates an alternate pathway for licensure as an acupuncturist;
- ▶ creates a temporary license for applicants completing supervised training; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-72-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

ENACTS:

58-72-302.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-72-302** is amended to read:

58-72-302 . Qualifications for licensure.

An applicant for licensure as a licensed acupuncturist shall:

- (1) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed by~~]the division approves;
- (2) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the department determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- (3) pass the examination the division requires by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

30 (4) establish, in accordance with rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G,
31 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, a procedure to collect a patients
32 informed consent for treatment;

33 (5) at the board's request, meet with the board for evaluation of the applicant's
34 qualifications for licensure; and

35 [~~(3)~~] (6)(a) [~~meet the requirements for current active-~~] submit evidence of a current
36 certification in acupuncture under guidelines [established by the National
37 Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)
38 as demonstrated through a current certificate or other appropriate documentation;] that

39 the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine makes; or
40 (b) submit evidence of completing:

41 (i) an acupuncture curriculum of at least 850 hours of instruction that covers:

42 (A) point location;

43 (B) needle technique;

44 (C) ~~Ĥ~~ → **[East Asian] relevant** ← ~~Ĥ~~ medical theory;

45 (D) human anatomy and physiology;

46 (E) professional ethics;

47 (F) boundaries;

48 (G) draping; and

49 (H) consent;

50 (ii) an acupuncture curriculum that meets any other requirements the division makes
51 by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
52 Rulemaking Act; and

53 (iii) at least 500 hours of supervised training in accordance with standards the
54 division makes by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
55 Administrative Rulemaking Act.

56 [~~(4) pass the examination required by the division by rule;]~~

57 [~~(5) establish procedures, as defined by rule, which shall enable patients to give informed~~
58 ~~consent to treatment; and]~~

59 [~~(6) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's~~
60 ~~qualifications for licensure.]~~

61 Section 2. Section **58-72-302.5** is enacted to read:

62 **58-72-302.5 . Qualifications for temporary licensure.**

63 (1) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for an acupuncture license

64 who:
65 (a) completes the requirements for a licensed acupuncturist in accordance with
66 Subsection 58-72-302(6)(b), except for Subsection 58-72-302(6)(b)(iii); and
67 (b) practices acupuncture under the direct supervision of an acupuncturist licensed in
68 accordance with Section 58-72-302.
69 (2) The temporary license is valid for up to six months.
70 Section 3. **Effective Date.**
71 This bill takes effect on November 1, 2026.