

State Educational Requirements for Licensure/Certification
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Program	State	Professional Licensure Disclosures
<p>Master of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (MAHM)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Dual Enrollment MAHM and Doctor of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (DAHM)</p> <p>*completing the dual enrollment programs concurrently (MAHM & DAHM)</p>	<p>AK, AL, AZ, CA*, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NH, NM, NY, OK, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY, Washington DC</p> <p>American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; Guam; U.S. Virgin Islands</p>	<p>Meets the state educational requirements for licensure (with possible additions/exceptions. See below.)</p>
<p>Master of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (MAHM)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Dual Enrollment MAHM and Doctor of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (DAHM)</p>	<p>AR, NV</p> <p>Puerto Rico</p>	<p>Does not meet the state educational requirements for licensure. See below.</p>

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Certificate in Chinese Herbal Medicine (CCHM)	NC, MA, NM, TX	Meets the state educational requirements for licensure
Certificate in Chinese Herbal Medicine (CCHM)	AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY, DC American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; Guam; U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico	<p>Does not meet the state educational requirements for licensure.</p> <p>*Licensure requirements for the practice of Chinese herbal medicine vary by state. Eligibility for state acupuncture licensure, which may include herbal medicine in the scope of practice, is based on prior master's level acupuncture training. Some states require a specific number of hours of herbal medicine training and/or specific undergraduate or master's level coursework.</p> <p>Entry into the CCHM program requires completion of or enrollment in an ACAHM accredited master's program in acupuncture. Graduates of the CCHM program are eligible to sit for the NCCAOM Herbology exam. To become NCCAOM certified in herbology through conversion to an OM Certification, graduates must meet the eligibility requirements which include prior master's level education and completion of other NCCAOM examinations.</p>

Exceptions that may affect licensure eligibility:

AL: Does not have an acupuncture practice act. In states without a licensing act, one cannot obtain a license but may be able to still practice, the practice is restricted to physicians only, or one may practice under the license of another practitioner. Students are advised to assess their eligibility to practice in states without a practice act.

AR: Requires 60 semester credits of prior college education prior to entering, but 30 of those credits must be in a relevant science: biology, chemistry, anatomy, psychology, and physiology. Requires 800 hours of clinical internship. *Daoist Traditions MAHM includes 762 hours of clinical internship. The dual enrollment MAHM/DAHM program includes an additional 56 hours clinical observation and 76 hours of other clinical training. Clinical hours at*

Daoist Traditions are tracked for all completed clinic shifts. While many graduates complete the program in excess of 800 hours of clinical internship, some graduates may need to complete additional clinical hours to meet the requirement.

CA: Requires an acupuncture and Oriental medicine educational curriculum that consists of at least 2,050 hours of didactic and laboratory training and at least 950 hours of supervised clinical instruction and must include specific hours in curricular areas. To obtain a license to practice acupuncture in California, one must qualify for and then pass a written examination administered by the Board. **Daoist Traditions dual MAHM/DAHM program is an Approved Training Program with the California Acupuncture Board.*

FL: Requires 60 hours of education in injection therapy. Requires a state jurisprudence exam.

MA: Requires 2 full years of undergraduate education plus a lab course of biology, anatomy or physiology prior to entering.

ME: Require a BS/BA degree prior to entering an acupuncture and Chinese medicine program.

MS: Requires a state jurisprudence exam and malpractice insurance.

NH: Require a BS/BA degree prior to entering an acupuncture and Chinese medicine program.

NJ: Require a BS/BA degree prior to entering an acupuncture and Chinese medicine program. Requires a state jurisprudence exam.

NM: Requires approval of education for each applicant. Daoist Traditions programs meet NM requirements, but extensive documentation must be filed by the applicant. New Mexico also requires passage of a practical and clinical exam administered by the state board.

NV: Requires a BS/BA degree prior to entering an acupuncture and Chinese herbology program. Requires 2500 hours of didactic coursework, which is in excess of national standards. Up to 250 hours of the 2500 requirement for licensure may be submitted through CEU credits. *Daoist Traditions' MAHM program consists of 2032 hours of didactic course work, and the dual enrollment MAHM/DAHM consists of 2222 hours of didactic course work.*

NY: Requires at least 60 semester hours of undergraduate education with a specified number of bioscience hours. Requires a total of 4050 hours that includes classroom instruction, supervised clinical experience, AND out-of-classroom or out-of-clinic study assignments. *Daoist Traditions programs require two hours of outside work for every hour of class time and one hour of outside work for every hour of clinic.*

OH: Requires a completion certificate for a course on FDA dispensary practices.

OK: Does not have an acupuncture practice act. In states without a licensing act, one cannot obtain a license but may be able to still practice, the practice is restricted to physicians only, or one may practice under the license of another practitioner. Students are advised to assess their eligibility to practice in states without a practice act.

OR: Requires a state medical practice act exam.

SD: Does not have an acupuncture practice act. In states without a licensing act, one cannot obtain a license but may be able to still practice, the practice is restricted to physicians only, or one may practice under the license of another practitioner. Students are advised to assess their eligibility to practice in states without a practice act.

TX: Requires a state jurisprudence exam plus at least 60 semester hours of undergraduate education.

WA: Requires microbiology.

Puerto Rico: Requires a physician's license to practice acupuncture such as an M.D. or a D.C.