

NRS 634A.140 Issuance of license to practice as doctor of Oriental medicine. [Effective January 1, 2020.]

1. The Board shall issue a license to practice as a doctor of Oriental medicine to an applicant who:

(a) Has:

(1) Successfully completed an accredited 4-year program of study, or its equivalent, in Oriental medicine at a school or college of Oriental medicine accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization that meets any requirements prescribed by the Board pursuant to [NRS 634A.090](#), including, without limitation, requirements concerning clinical and didactic components;

(2) Earned a bachelor's degree, or completed a combined bachelor's and master's degree program in Oriental medicine, from an accredited college or university in the United States;

(3) Passed an investigation of his or her background and personal history conducted by the Board; and

(4) Passed the examinations required by [NRS 634A.120](#); and

(b) Holds a current certification in Oriental medicine issued by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Board may issue a license to practice as a doctor of Oriental medicine to an applicant who:

(a) Has:

(1) Successfully completed a 4-year program of study, or its equivalent, in Oriental medicine at a school or college of Oriental medicine that is approved by the Board and meets any requirements prescribed by the Board pursuant to [NRS 634A.090](#), including, without limitation, requirements concerning clinical and didactic components;

(2) Lawfully practiced Oriental medicine in another state or foreign country for at least 4 years;

(3) Passed an investigation of his or her background and personal history conducted by the Board; and

(4) Passed the examinations required by [NRS 634A.120](#); and

(b) Holds a current certification in Oriental medicine issued by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization.

3. The Board may issue a license to practice as a doctor of Oriental medicine to an applicant who:

(a) Has:

(1) Successfully completed a program in Oriental medicine from a school or college of Oriental medicine accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization before January 1, 2008, that included the study of herbology;

(2) Practiced Oriental medicine pursuant to the laws of another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or foreign country for at least 6 of the 8 years immediately preceding the date of the application;

(3) Passed an investigation of his or her background and personal history conducted by the Board; and

(4) Passed the examinations required by [NRS 634A.120](#); and

(b) Holds a current certification in Oriental medicine issued by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization.

(Added to NRS by [1973, 637](#); A [1975, 234, 1814](#); [1981, 1290](#); [1991, 1128](#); [2001, 1105, 2416](#); [2019, 1599](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NAC 634A.080 Evidence of qualifications of applicant; approval of program of study. ([NRS 634A.070, 634A.080, 634A.140](#))

1. An applicant for a license to practice Oriental medicine must submit, together with his or her application, evidence that he or she has successfully completed a 4-year program of study, or its equivalent, in Oriental medicine at a school or college of Oriental medicine which is approved by the Board.

2. If the application is submitted pursuant to subsection 1 of [NRS 634A.140](#), the applicant must submit evidence showing that he or she has earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the United States.

3. If the application for licensure by endorsement is submitted pursuant to subsection 2 of [NRS 634A.140](#), the applicant must submit evidence that he or she:

(a) Has lawfully practiced Oriental medicine in another state or foreign country for at least 4 years; and

(b) Holds Oriental Medicine Certification by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization.

4. For the purposes of subsection 1, the Board may approve a 4-year program of study, or its equivalent, in Oriental medicine at a school or college of Oriental medicine if the Board finds that:

(a) The school or college of Oriental medicine is:

(1) Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization; or

(2) In pre-accreditation status with the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization and satisfies the requirements of paragraph (b).

(b) The program of study includes training or instruction in the subjects of acupuncture, moxibustion, herbology, Oriental physiology, Oriental pathology, Oriental diagnosis, tuina or qigong, biology, chemistry or biochemistry, anatomy, Western physiology, Western pathology, Western diagnosis, pharmacology, laboratory and radiology.

(c) The program of study:

(1) Required the completion of at least 2,800 hours of instruction, including not less than 2,500 didactic hours, for a student to have graduated before November 25, 2002; or

(2) Requires the completion of at least 3,000 hours of instruction, including not less than 2,500 didactic hours, for a student to graduate on or after November 25, 2002.

5. For the purposes of subsection 1, the Board will deem a master's degree to be the equivalent of a 4-year program of study if the program of study for the degree conforms to the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 4.

6. For the purposes of subsections 2 and 3, evidence that the applicant is qualified for licensure as a doctor of Oriental medicine must include certified copies of any diplomas, transcripts, licenses and certificates issued to the applicant. If possible, all certified copies of official diplomas, transcripts, licenses or certificates must be forwarded directly to the Executive Director from the issuing entity rather than from the applicant.

[Bd. of Oriental Med., Art. IV part § 1, eff. 7-19-76; + Art. V part § 1, eff. 4-26-74] — (NAC A 1-22-92; R071-02, 11-25-2002; R072-18, 12-19-2018)