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Acupuncture is a licensed practice in 45 of the 50 United States. Kansas Acupuncturists have tried, unsuccessfully, to pass a licensing bill in Kansas since 1999. This year the Board of Healing Arts reinterpreted the Healing Arts Act to exclude Acupuncturists from practice in Kansas without a license. Now caught in a catch-22, Kansas Acupuncturists and their patients are stunned at the implications.

**Without licensing there won't be Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine practitioners in Kansas anymore. We need public support to pass the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act.**

**Please support the licensing of nationally certified Acupuncturists in Kansas.**

The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) validates entry-level competency in the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine (AOM) through professional certification.

To qualify to sit for the national exams a practitioner must have completed a minimum 3 year postgraduate (for Acupuncture) or a minimum 4 year postgraduate (for Oriental Medicine), prescribed and approved course of study at an accredited college. This includes a clinical component of 650 and 870 hours, respectively, of supervised clinical practice.

NCCAOM certification requires continuing education, and is the licensing standard for 43 of the 45 states that license Acupuncturists.

For more information or to support licensing efforts in Kansas, see the Kansas Association of Oriental Medicine website: [www.ksaom.org](http://www.ksaom.org)

Thank you,

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