



Converting to an NCCAOM Oriental Medicine Certification

A Diplomate in Acupuncture and/or Chinese Herbology may apply for a new NCCAOM Certification in Oriental Medicine. Each conversion type is outlined below. Converting to Oriental Medicine requires a separate application that is available on the NCCAOM website at <http://www.nccaom.org/applicants/handbook-and-applications/>.

- Step 1 Be at Active Diplomate status with NCCAOM. Lapsed statuses are not eligible. If the Diplomate is due for NCCAOM renewal at the time of converting, they are required to first complete the recertification process, then submit the conversion to OM application.
- Step 2 Meet the eligibility requirements in education and biomedicine listed below. Diplomates certified prior to 2004 have additional requirements in bodywork, diet, exercise, and/or patient education that are outlined below.
- Step 3 Submit the *NCCAOM® Application for Converting to Oriental Medicine* and the required documentation.
- Step 4 Pay the conversion application fee of \$100.

Diplomate of Acupuncture

1. Complete one of the following educational requirements in Chinese Herbology.

Route 1: Formal education in Chinese Herbology that is part of a U.S. degree program recognized by ACAOM,

OR

Route 2: Formal education in an international Chinese Herbology degree program accepted by NCCAOM,

OR

Route 3: Apprenticeship program including 1,000 contact hours that meet NCCAOM requirements,

OR

Herbal certificate program recognized by ACAOM and earned at a U.S. academic institution.

2. Successfully pass the NCCAOM Chinese Herbology examination.
3. Successfully pass the NCCAOM Biomedicine examination.



4. Request a graduate transcript to be mailed directly to NCCAOM from your school.
5. Diplomates certified prior to 2004: Complete 21 hours in one, or a combination of the categories listed below. PDAs, CEUs, and college credit are acceptable.
 - A. Bodywork: Body mechanics, ergonomics, acupressure, shiatsu, tui na.
 - B. Diet: Basic Oriental medicine dietary principles, basic nutritional principles.
 - C. Exercise: Basic stretching, movement, and exercise principles and techniques; basic breathing and relaxation principles and techniques; QiGong, Tai Chi.
 - D. Patient Education: Bodywork, diet, and exercise topics above. Include self-treatment techniques, lifestyle implications and consideration, meditation, integration of Oriental medical theory and modern lifestyles, and the healing process.

Diplomate of Chinese Herbology

1. Complete one of the following educational requirements in Acupuncture.
 - Route 1: Formal education in Acupuncture that is part of a U.S. degree program and accredited by ACAOM,
OR
 - Route 2: Formal education in an international Acupuncture degree program accepted by NCCAOM,
OR
 - Route 3: Apprenticeship program including 1,000 contact hours in acupuncture that meet NCCAOM requirements.
2. Successfully pass the NCCAOM Acupuncture examination.
3. Successfully pass the NCCAOM Biomedicine examination.
4. Request a graduate transcript to be mailed directly to NCCAOM from your school.



5. Diplomates certified prior to 2004: Complete 21 hours in one, or a combination of the categories listed below. PDAs, CEUs, and college credit are acceptable.
 - A. Bodywork: Body mechanics, ergonomics, acupressure, shiatsu, tui na.
 - B. Diet: Basic Oriental medicine dietary principles, basic nutritional principles.
 - C. Exercise: Basic stretching, movement, and exercise principles and techniques; basic breathing and relaxation principles and techniques; QiGong, Tai Chi.
 - D. Patient Education: Bodywork, diet, and exercise topics above. Include self-treatment techniques, lifestyle implications and consideration, meditation, integration of Oriental medical theory and modern lifestyles, and the healing process.

Diplomate of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology

1. Complete one of the Biomedicine requirements listed below.
 - A. Successfully pass the NCCAOM Biomedicine examination,

OR
 - B. Complete 60 PDA/CEU hours in biomedicine coursework within four (4) years of the application date. Biomedicine course topics must qualify under the Core Competencies (*NCCAOM[®] Recertification Handbook*, pg. 13).
2. Diplomates certified prior to 2004: Complete 21 hours in one, or a combination of the categories listed below. PDAs, CEUs, and college credit are acceptable.
 - A. Bodywork: Body mechanics, ergonomics, acupressure, shiatsu, tui na.
 - B. Diet: Basic Oriental medicine dietary principles, basic nutritional principles.
 - C. Exercise: Basic stretching, movement, and exercise principles and techniques; basic breathing and relaxation principles and techniques; QiGong, Tai Chi.
 - D. Patient Education: Bodywork, diet, and exercise topics. Includes self-treatment techniques, lifestyle implications and consideration, meditation, integration of Oriental medical theory and modern lifestyles, and the healing process.



NOTE: To maintain the four-year recertification cycle, the new Oriental Medicine Certification will be set to match the prior expiration date that is furthest out from certification. The prior Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology Certifications will become dormant.