

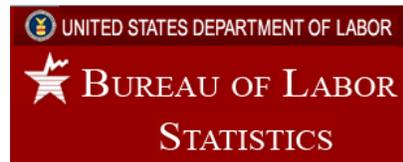


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## BLS Update - Recent Preparations for Acupuncturists

### *Recent Preparations for Acupuncturists Gaining an Independent Occupational Code with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)*



One of the most important national activities currently taking place in relation to the development of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine profession (AOM) is the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) revision of the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. This revision only occurs every eight years, and provides an unparalleled opportunity for the AOM profession to gain greater federal recognition. Data collected, classified and published by the BLS is used by the Federal statistical agencies to assign workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, or disseminating data on occupations. This process also lays the groundwork for AOM practitioners to be able to participate in federal loan repayment programs, receive recognition from federal agencies such as the Dept. of Veteran Affairs, and paves the way for acupuncture services to be included in Medicare, etc.

## Through the Eyes of a Child

*"Lucy founded Lucy's Love Bus 6 months before she died at age 12..."*

Once upon a time there was a girl name Lucy. Lucy had cancer, but she had a heart filled with love and compassion. Please come along to hear this story of an amazing child, her tenacity and her dream to help other children. Let us introduce you to Lucy's Love Bus through her mother, the Executive Director of Lucy's dream come true, Beecher Grogan.



**Beecher Grogan,**  
Executive Director,  
Lucy's Love Bus

**Question 1:** Tell us a little about Lucy, your inspiration for this non-profit organization?

**Answer:** Lucy was my outrageously funny, spunky, and compassionate daughter. She was an old soul and taught me everything I know about the importance of comfort and quality of life for children facing life-threatening illness. Lucy was diagnosed with the adult form of Leukemia (AML) when she was 8 years old. ...

*To read full article and watch the video episode please click [here](#)*



## NCCAOM Foreign Language Exams



Diplomates who have an interest in obtaining the Oriental Medicine certification with the NCCAOM through the Route: Conversion from Acupuncture and/or Chinese Herbology to Oriental Medicine will have the opportunity to take the Chinese Herbology or Acupuncture with Point Location, and Biomedicine certification examinations in a foreign language. Eligibility and certification details for [Converting to OM Certification](#) as well as the [Conversion to OM Application](#) are located on the NCCAOM

website [www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org) when clicking on the 'Forms' tab.

The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM®) has scheduled two Foreign Language Examination (FLE) administration periods in 2014:

- **September 15-27, 2014**
- **December 8-20, 2014**

All Diplomates who intend to take the NCCAOM® Foreign Language Exams in 2014 must notify the NCCAOM by completing the [NCCAOM® Foreign Language Examination Notification form](#). The hot link to the notification form can be found on the NCCAOM website [www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org) in the 'Quick Finds' box at the bottom of each Applicant page. The NCCAOM Certification Services team will use the notification information to contact each individual who completes the form to apprise them of the next steps required to meet the **June 30, 2014** examination registration deadline.

Each of the following steps must be completed prior to June 30, 2014 in order to meet the deadline to test during the 2014 examination administration periods:

1. The *NCCAOM® Application for Conversion to Oriental Medicine Form* must be received and reviewed by NCCAOM Certification Services team, and
2. Documentation of eligibility; completion of a herbal or acupuncture program, must be submitted or on file with the NCCAOM, and
3. The *NCCAOM® Authorization to Test Letter* must be issued, and
4. Diplomates who are a candidate for Oriental Medicine certification must register with Pearson VUE to take the examination(s) prior to June 30, 2014. (Candidates



will only be considered registered if they have scheduled and paid for the examination(s) with Pearson VUE).

In order to offer a valid, defensible foreign language examination, each examination must have a minimum of 50 testers registered to take the exam over the two-week examination administration period or the examination will be cancelled. Any candidate registered to take a canceled examination will be notified no later than July 15, 2014, that the exam has been canceled, and will be offered the opportunity to have their registration moved to the next offering of the examination administration or issued a refund.

Questions may be submitted to [info@thenccaom.org](mailto:info@thenccaom.org).

## NCCAOM Governance Update: Thank you Weiyi Ding



**Weiyi Ding,**  
MD (China),  
Dipl. O.M. (NCCAOM)®

*Weiyi Ding, MD (China), Dipl. O.M. (NCCAOM)® earned an MD from Shanghai University of TCM in 1976 and an RN degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1993. Ding was a core faculty member at Shanghai University of TCM for 10 years and has been a professor at Bastyr University since 1996.*

*She has practiced acupuncture and Chinese Herbology combined with Western medicine for over 35 years which include eight years RN experience at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the University of Washington Medical Center. She is the co-author of several TCM books published in China.*

*Ding has been a member and chair of several NCCAOM examination development and other committees for the past 16 years, contributing time, knowledge and skill to the following:*

*Biomedicine Committee; Foundations of Oriental Medicine Committee; Eligibility Committee; Exam Administration Taskforce; Research Taskforce; Regulatory Affairs Taskforce; and Translation Subcommittee. Currently, Ding is the Chair of the Chinese Herbology Examination Development Committee. Fortunately for the NCCAOM Dr. Ding is currently continuing her service to the NCCAOM as the Chair of the Chinese Herbology Examination Development Committee.*

*The Board of Commissioners and staff at the NCCAOM gratefully acknowledge Dr, Ding's continued contribution to the organization.*



## Welcome New Commissioners

*The NCCAOM Board of Commissioners is honored to welcome and introduce its newest members, Afua Bromley and Iman Majd.*

*Afua Bromley, MSOM, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)<sup>®</sup>, L.Ac.*



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Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)<sup>®</sup>, L.Ac.

*Afua Bromley is a 1998 graduate of the Florida College of Integrative Medicine (formerly the National College of Oriental Medicine) in Orlando, FL. After graduation, she also completed a summer internship at Yu Huang Ding Hospital in Yantai, China.*

*Bromley served on the MO Governor's Acupuncture Advisory Committee (Missouri's acupuncture regulatory committee) from 1999-2006, helping write the rules and regulations for the State of Missouri after its licensing law was passed. She has also served as President of the Acupuncture Association of Missouri. In addition to her private practice, Bromley worked at CHIPS (Community Health-In-Partnership Services), a multi-specialty clinic for uninsured and underinsured individuals in north St. Louis from 2000-2012.*

*Throughout her career, she has worked to promote equal access to quality integrative medical care to those in underserved communities, particularly African-American and Latino communities, as well as those living with HIV/AIDS. She is founder of Universal Holistic Healthcare Service, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), dedicated to providing acupuncture and integrative medicine through service and empowerment education, through such activities as STD/HIV prevention education, nutrition workshops and a women's support group for those living with HIV/AIDS.*

*Bromley has been an NCCAOM Diplomate since 1999, and began volunteering on the NCCAOM Eligibility Committee in 2012. She currently serves on the NCCAOM Finance/Audit Committee, the Acupuncture with Point Location Exam Development Committee, the Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (PEDC) and the Eligibility Committee. Her service as Commissioner on the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners began in February, 2014.*

*Iman Majd, MD, MS, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)<sup>®</sup>, L.Ac., Dipl. ABMA, Dipl. ABIHM*



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*Iman Majd earned his medical degree at Tehran University of Medical Sciences and completed his residency in Family Medicine at the University of Washington. Dr. Majd achieved his Master of Science in Acupuncture from Bastyr University and is board-certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and the American Board of Medical Acupuncture (ABMA). In pursuit of his passion for integrative medicine, Dr. Majd became board-certified by the American Board of Integrative Holistic Medicine (ABIHM), and now combines complementary modalities into his clinical practice at the University of Washington Physicians Network. He also serves as the Acupuncture Specialist Consult for University of Washington Neighborhood Clinics. Dr. Majd's clinical and research interests include an integrative approach to neurodegenerative disorders, pain management and immune system wellness.*

*Dr. Majd has served on the NCCAOM Biomedicine Exam Development Committee since 2010 and served on the Board of the Washington East Asian Medical Association since 2012. Throughout his career, his true passion lay in teaching: he is a clinical instructor at the University of Washington Department of Family Medicine, and Adjunct Faculty at Bastyr University where he supervises, trains and teaches in areas of clinical acupuncture, immune system wellness, pain management, pharmacology and western medicine.*

*Dr. Majd joined the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners in February, 2014 and serves as Board Liaison to the Biomedicine Exam Development Committee, a member of the Professional Development Activity (PDA) Advisory Panel and the Research Committee.*

*The NCCAOM Board of Commissioners and staff look forward to working with its new Commissioners on projects benefitting the AOM community.*

## **Shaping the Future of Healthcare WFAS Houston 2014**

*NCCAOM on behalf of American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.*



*Please come join us at the WFAS Houston 2014 World Conference on Acupuncture. An integrative medicine theme is added to the traditional acupuncture conference, offering a platform for Eastern medicine to meet with Western medicine. Please visit the event website [wfas2014.acaom.edu](http://wfas2014.acaom.edu) for detail.*

*It is with great honor that we introduce you some of our keynote speakers:*

*[Prof. ZHANG Boli](#), President, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine*

*[Prof. LIU Baoyan](#), President, World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies*

*[Dr. Lorenzo COHEN](#), Director of the Integrative Medicine Program, MD Anderson Cancer Center*

*And special guest:*

*[Dr. Andrew WEIL](#), Director of the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine, University of Arizona*

*Other presenters at the continuing acupuncture education lectures:*

*Ms. Kiiko MATSUMOTO, Founder of Kiiko Style of Acupuncture*

*Dr. Jake FRATKIN, specializes in internal disorders, infections, and pediatrics*

*Mr. Andy ELLIS, author, and founding owner of Spring Wind Herbs*

*WFAS Houston 2014 will be held on October 31 – November 2, 2014, at the newly renovated Royal Sonesta Hotel in Houston, Texas, USA. The [WFAS Houston 2014 First Announcement](#) features official invitations, preliminary program agenda, and other important conference information. [Register before April 25, 2014 to get our very early bird discount!](#)*