



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update and NCCAOM Exams

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The world has again shifted since we communicated with you in March. With new information about Coronavirus emerging daily, we have to respond quickly to the changing environment and adjust our plans to ensure we're doing everything we can to help all constituent groups nationwide to continue their critical missions and navigate the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as safely as possible.

We want to give you an update on our efforts, so you know how we are working to help applicants and candidates as quickly as possible.

- The NCCAOM is continually holding weekly Town Halls webinars to keep all parties informed as we go through this difficult time together. Previously held Town Halls, including the one held on April 14 for Schools and Students can be found on NCCAOM website at: <https://www.nccaom.org/nccaom-webinars-posted/townhalls-meetings/>.
- NCCAOM has issued a temporary exception to ACAOM schools to help all students with an anticipated graduation date in 2020 to be able to start their testing phase before graduation. Graduating students will need to contact their school to ensure eligibility for this exception.
- Registration for the year-round Adaptive testing has been open since **March 30, 2020**. Moving up the Adaptive exam administration will allow candidates to move through the testing process much more quickly, which in turn, will help expedite the state licensure process. Pearson VUE openings will continue to be grounded in adhering to each state's regulations and guidance, keeping all candidates, employees, and communities healthy and safe amidst this pandemic. Stay tuned to Pearson VUE COVID-19 status updates posted daily [here](#).
- **NCCAOM® Exam Preparation Center** is ready to help you prepare for the NCCAOM® certification examinations. Also, on the Exam Preparation Center website page are the individual certification Study Guides. Included in each Study Guide are competency statements with increased content description, an appendix of acupuncture Extra Points, an expansion of the herbal formula list, and more specific details (appendices) for Biomedicine. The exam content is aligned with the Job Analysis and became effective January 1, 2020. All exams are based off of the new exam content outlines that are available at: <https://www.nccaom.org/certification/nccaom-exam-preparation-center/>.

Please stay tuned for additional updates. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to look at the best options for our stakeholders while navigating the uncertain effects of this global pandemic.