

Arkansas has some of the most burdensome licensing rules in the USA. That raises prices and kills jobs. The Sunset Review process can change that by tailoring Arkansas's rules to Arkansas's needs



OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW

ACUPUNCTURISTS



WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE

Eliminate requirements for competitor approval

- Arkansas Code 17-102-304 (a)(3)(A): Before any applicant shall be eligible for an examination, the applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the board that he or she [i]s of good moral character by filing with his or her application the affidavits of at least two (2) reputable acupuncturists who attest to his or her character
- None of our neighboring states have this rule
- Any law that requires competitors to approve each other is unnecessarily restrictive

Conduct a cost and benefit analysis of Arkansas's experience hours requirements and license renewal costs which are higher than average in our region



DEFINITION

Acupuncture means "the insertion, manipulation, and removal of needles from the body, and the use of other modalities and procedures at specific locations on the body, for the prevention, cure, or correction of a malady, illness, injury, pain, or other condition or disorder by controlling and regulating the flow and balance of energy and functioning of the patient to restore and maintain health."

Source: Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, *Directory of Licensed, Certified and Registered Occupations in Arkansas*, August 2019, p. 7. O*NET CODE 29-1199.01

THE NUMBERS

49 Number of states that license

35 Number of practitioners in Arkansas (DLO 2019)

\$250

Initial fee

\$334.46

Regional average

\$300*

Average yearly renewal cost

\$154.18

Regional average

Education **MASTER'S DEGREE**

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800 HRS

Experience

727 HRS

Regional average

12 HRS

Continuing Education (per year)

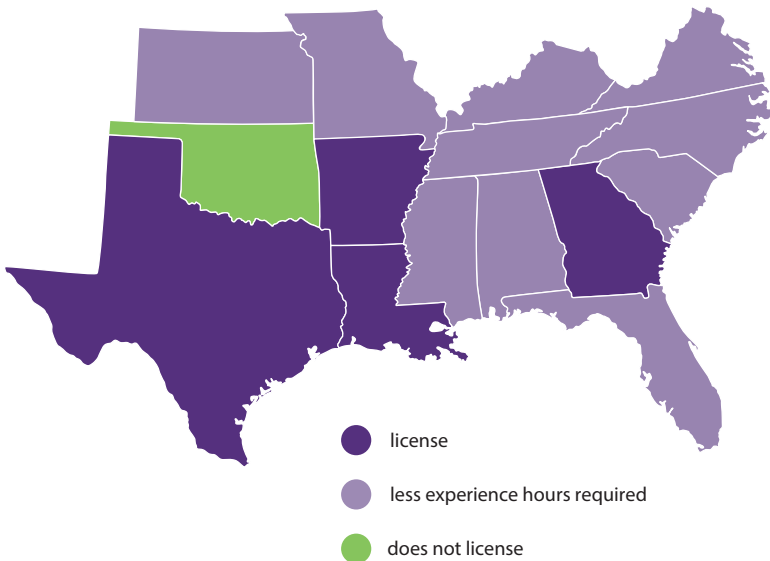
13 HRS

Regional average (per year)

Note: States that do not license this occupation are not included in the averages.

*Renewal every two years is \$400 with additional \$100 cost per year from administration. Regional averages are calculated similarly.

REGIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS



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