



Ohio Revised Code Section 4762.02 License to practice.

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) or (C) of this section, no person shall engage in the practice of acupuncture unless the person holds a valid license to practice as an acupuncturist issued by the state medical board under this chapter.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to the following:

(1) A physician;

(2) A person who performs acupuncture as part of a training program in acupuncture, but only if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The training program is operated by an educational institution that holds an effective certificate of authorization issued by the chancellor of higher education under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code or a school that holds an effective certificate of registration issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code.

(b) The person performs the acupuncture under the general supervision of an acupuncturist who holds a license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter.

(3) A chiropractor who holds a certificate to practice acupuncture issued by the state chiropractic board under section 4734.283 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) A person who holds a valid license to practice as an acupuncturist issued by the state medical board under this chapter is permitted to engage in the practice of herbal therapy if the person has obtained designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as either a diplomate of chinese herbology or a diplomate of oriental medicine, or if the person holds an equivalent certification or credential as determined by the state medical board.



(2) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a nonlicensed person from selling or utilizing herbal therapy, so long as that person does not represent the person as licensed to practice herbal therapy.

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent or restrict any person who is licensed by this state from practicing herbal therapy in a manner that is included in the scope of practice established by the license held.