

Professional Licensure Disclosures

Professional licensure is an important milestone on your way to becoming a healthcare professional. Northwestern Health Sciences University offers several programs that lead to professional licensure outside the state of Minnesota. Each state has different professional licensure and certification requirements, including professional examinations, background checks, years of experience, fingerprinting requirements, etc. Students are encouraged to check their state’s information and contact the appropriate licensing agency to seek information and additional guidance before beginning an academic program. The information presented below is current as of July 16, 2020.

While we are confident that successfully meeting program requirements will prepare you for career success, completion of a NWHSU program does not guarantee license or certification to practice, nor does the university or any of its agents guarantee employment, license, or certification to practice upon completion of the program.

College of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
<p>Most states require the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) examination and/or certification for licensing. Licensure requirements vary by state – and not all states license the practice of acupuncture or Chinese medicine. Program completion does not guarantee licensure.</p> <p>In Minnesota, consult the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. For other states, consult the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.</p>

Program	State	Status for State Licensure Requirements
Master of Acupuncture	AL, OK, SD	No state licensure requirement
	AK, AZ, CO, CT, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY, DC	Meets
	AR, CA, DE, FL, MA, NJ, NM, NV, PA, TX, VT	Does Not Meet
Master of Chinese Medicine	AL, OK, SD	No state licensure requirement
	AK, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY, DC	Meets
	CA	Does Not Meet

Program	State	Status for State Licensure Requirements
Doctor of Chinese Medicine*	AL, OK, SD	No state licensure requirement
	AK, AZ, CO, CT, GA, HI, ID, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY, DC	
	AR, CA, DE, FL, KS, MA, NJ, NM, NV, PA, TX, VT	Does Not Meet
*Students in the Doctor of Chinese Medicine earn a Master of Acupuncture during the course of the program, creating licensure eligibility in 35 states and the District of Columbia.		

College of Chiropractic

If you plan to practice in the United States, you are required to take four examinations administered by the [National Board of Chiropractic Examiners \(NBCE\)](#). Please consult the American Chiropractic Association's [State Licensing Boards](#) for state-based information.

Program	State	Status for Licensure Requirements
Doctor of Chiropractic	All	Meets

College of Health and Wellness

Allied health programs in the college lead to national certification. For Radiation Therapy and Radiologic Technology and individual state licensure, please consult The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists' [State Licensing](#) resource. For Medical Laboratory Technology and Medical Laboratory Science, please consult The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science's [Personnel Licensure](#) resource to understand if a state you wish to practice in has additional requirements.

Completing the Massage Therapy/Therapeutic Massage Program (Certificate or Associate of Applied Science) qualifies graduates to take the [National Certification Exam in Therapeutic Massage](#) that leads to national massage therapist certification. Completing either of these programs qualifies you to sit for the [Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam \(MBLEx\)](#), which is used in 46 or 49 regulated jurisdictions. State licensure requirements exist in most states and the District of Columbia. Please consult with [Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals](#) for state licensing requirements.

Program	State	Status for Licensure Requirements
Medical Assisting	All	Meets professional certification requirements
Radiation Therapy	All	Meets professional certification requirements
Radiologic Technology	All	Meets professional certification requirements

Program	State	Status for Licensure Requirements
Medical Laboratory Technology	All	Meets professional certification requirements
Medical Laboratory Science	All	Meets professional certification requirements
Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy	MN	No state licensure requirement
	ND, WI	Meets
	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, WY, DC	Not yet determined
Certificate in Massage Therapy/Therapeutic Massage	MN	No state licensure requirement
	ND, WI	Meets
	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, WY, DC	Not yet determined
Certificate in Relaxation Massage	MN	No state licensure requirement
	DC	Meets
	ND, WI	Does not meet
	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, WY	Not yet determined
Certificate in Chinese Medical Massage	MN	No state licensure requirement
	All other states	Not yet determined