

This is an amendment to 16.2.14 NMAC, Sections 9, 10, 12, 13, 16 & 17 effective 5/5/2026.

16.2.14.9 EDUCATIONAL AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTERNS:

- A. An extern applicant shall provide satisfactory proof that they have completed a board approved educational program.
- B. An extern applicant shall provide satisfactory proof from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine that they have successfully passed the following:
 - (1) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine foundations of oriental medicine module; and
 - (2) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine approved clean needle technique course; and
 - (3) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine point location module.
- C. An extern applicant must have graduated from a board approved educational program within ~~[+2]~~ 24 months of filing the application for extern certification.
[16.2.14.9 NMAC - Rp, 16.2.14.9 NMAC, 2/11/2022; A, 5/5/2026]

16.2.14.10 EXTERN CERTIFICATION APPLICATION: Upon submission of complete application for extern certification that fulfills the requirements listed below, the board shall issue an extern certification. In no event shall the applicant begin the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine until the extern certification is issued by the board:

- A. the fee for application for extern certification specified in 16.2.10 NMAC;
- B. a complete application for extern certification in English that shall include the applicant's name, address, date of birth and social security number, or individual tax identification number, if available;
- C. an affidavit as provided on the "extern certification application" as to whether the applicant:
 - (1) has been subject to any disciplinary action in any jurisdiction related to the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine, or related to any other profession including other health care professions for which the applicant is licensed, certified, registered or legally recognized to practice including resignation from practice, withdrawal or surrender of applicants license, certificate or registration during the pendency of disciplinary proceedings or investigation for potential disciplinary proceedings; or
 - (2) has been a party to litigation in any jurisdiction related to the applicants practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine, or related to any other profession including other health care professions for which the applicant is licensed, certified, registered or legally recognized to practice; or
 - (3) is in arrears on a court-ordered child support payment; or
 - (4) has violated any provision of the act or the rules; and
- D. an affidavit as provided on the "extern certification application" stating that the applicant is an applicant for licensure; and
- E. an affidavit as provided on the "extern certification application" stating that the applicant understands that:
 - (1) an applicant who has been subject to any action or proceeding comprehended by Subsection D of 16.2.3.10 NMAC may be subject to disciplinary action at any time, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to the provisions of the act, Section 61-14A-17 NMSA 1978; and subject to the Uniform Licensing Act, Section 61-1-1 NMSA 1978, and subject to the Criminal Offender Employment Act, Section 28-2-1 NMSA 1978; and
 - (2) an applicant who provides the board with false information or makes a false statement to the board may be subject to disciplinary action, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to the provisions of the act, Section 61-14A-17 NMSA 1978, and the Uniform Licensing Act, Section 61-1-1 NMSA 1978; and
 - (3) the applicant is responsible for reading, understanding and complying with the state of New Mexico laws and rules regarding this application as well as the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine; and
 - (4) the scope of practice of an extern shall be limited to the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine as defined in the act and 16.2.2 NMAC, except that the extern shall not prescribe or administer

any herbal, nutritional, homeopathic or any other medicines or substances; when diagnosing and treating a patient, the extern shall practice only within the limits of his or her education and training; the extern shall possess and apply the knowledge, and use the skill and care ordinarily used by reasonably well-qualified doctors of oriental medicine practicing under similar circumstances, giving due consideration to their limited clinical experience; and

(5) the extern certification shall expire automatically [~~12~~] 24 months after the date of issuance unless the certificate expires sooner for any of the following reasons:

(a) upon licensure;

(b) if the extern fails the board's clinical skills examination more than [~~once~~] twice;

or

(c) if the extern is no longer under the supervision of the externship supervisor; and

(6) if the externship relationship terminates before the expiration of the extern certification, the extern may reapply to be supervised by another externship supervisor by filing the appropriate forms required by the board; the extern certification time limit of [~~12~~] 24 months shall remain the same and shall not be extended; and

(7) in no event shall an extern practice under extern certification(s) for more than a total of [~~12~~] 24 months or after failing the board's clinical skills examination more than [~~once~~] twice; the extern certification is not renewable; exceptions for good cause shall not apply to the extern certification; and

(8) the applicant must notify the board within ten days if the applicant's address changes; and

(9) the board may refuse to issue, or may suspend, or revoke any license, extern certification or externship supervisor registration in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act, Sections 61-1-1 to 61-1-31 NMSA 1978, for reasons authorized in Section 61-14A-17 NMSA 1978 of the act and clarified in 16.2.12 NMAC.

F. an accurate translation in English of all documents submitted in a foreign language; each translated document shall bear the affidavit of the translator certifying that he or she is competent in both the language of the document and the English language and that the translation is a true and faithful translation of the foreign language original; each translated document shall also bear the affidavit of the applicant certifying that the translation is a true and faithful translation of the original; each affidavit shall be signed before a notary public; the translation of any document relevant to an application shall be at the expense of the applicant.

[16.2.14.10 NMAC - N, 1/1/2001; A, 7/26/200; A, 10/22/2024; A, 5/5/2026]

16.2.14.12 ISSUANCE OF EXTERNSHIP SUPERVISOR REGISTRATION: Upon submission of a complete application for externship supervisor registration that fulfills the requirements listed below, the board shall issue an externship supervisor registration. In no event shall the externship supervisor begin supervising an extern until the externship supervisor registration is issued by the board. The application requirements for an externship supervisor registration shall be receipt of the following by the board:

A. the fee for application for externship supervisor registration specified in 16.2.10 NMAC;

B. a complete application for externship supervisor registration in English that shall include the applicant's name, address, date of birth and social security number, or individual tax identification number, if available;

C. proof of five years of clinical experience; and

D. proof of maintaining a clinical facility; and

E. proof of appropriate professional and facility insurance; and

F. an affidavit as provided on the "extern supervisor registration application" stating that the applicant understands that:

(1) the scope of practice of an extern shall be limited to the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine as defined in the act and 16.2.2 NMAC, except that the extern shall not prescribe or administer any herbal, nutritional, homeopathic or any other medicines or substances; when diagnosing and treating a patient, the extern shall practice only within the limits of his or her education and training; the extern shall possess and apply the knowledge, and use the skill and care ordinarily used by reasonably well-qualified doctors of oriental medicine practicing under similar circumstances, giving due consideration to their limited clinical experience; and

(2) the extern certification shall expire automatically [~~12~~] 24 months after the date of issuance unless the certificate expires sooner for any of the following reasons:

(a) upon licensure;

(b) if the extern fails the board's clinical skills examination more than [~~once~~] twice;

or

(c) if the extern is no longer under the supervision of the externship supervisor; and

(3) in no event shall an extern practice under extern certification(s) for more than a total of ~~[12]~~ 24 months or after failing the board's clinical skills examination more than ~~once~~ twice; the extern certification is not renewable; exceptions for good cause shall not apply to the extern certification; and

(4) the extern supervisor shall not be a member of the extern's family or a member of the extern's household or have a conflict of interest with the extern as defined in 16.2.14.19 NMAC; and

G. an affidavit as provided on the "extern supervisor registration application" stating that the applicant understands that the externship supervisor shall:

(1) provide a clinical environment where the extern is able to further his or her knowledge and apply acupuncture and oriental medicine theory and techniques; and

(2) directly supervise the extern on the premises of the treating facility at all times and be available for consultation, intervention, and decisions about patient care; and

(3) supervise no more than two externs at any given time and have no more than two externs in his or her externship program at a time; and

(4) inform patients with a written signed consent form outlining the responsibility of the extern and the scope and limits of practice; and

(5) prescribe all herbal, nutritional, homeopathic and any natural substances; any recommendations of these substances by the extern must be signed by the externship supervisor; and

(6) approve the diagnosis and treatment plan and oversee the techniques of oriental medicine and delivery of patient care; and

(7) notify the board in writing, within five days working days, when the extern enters into an extern supervisory contract with the externship supervisor or terminates the externship participation; and

(8) be responsible for the delivery of competent professional services, obtaining patient consents, and maintaining patient records; and

(9) document approval and oversight of diagnosis, treatment, and patient care in the patient's permanent file; and

(10) terminate the externship relationship if the externship supervisor has the reasonable belief that the extern has violated the act or the rules or if a conflict of interest arises during the supervision; the externship supervisor shall notify the board, in writing, within five working days that the externship relationship is terminated and give the reasons for the termination; and

(11) the extern supervisor must notify the board within ten days if the extern supervisor's address changes; and

(12) the board may refuse to issue, or may suspend, or revoke any license, externship supervisor registration or externship supervisor registration in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act, Sections 61-1-1 to 61-1-31 NMSA 1978, for reasons authorized in Section 61-14A-17 NMSA 1978 of the act and clarified in 16.2.12 NMAC.

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16.2.14.13 CHANGE OF EXTERNSHIP SUPERVISOR: If the externship relationship terminates before the expiration of the extern certification, the extern may reapply to be supervised by another externship supervisor by filing the appropriate forms required by the board. The extern certification time limit of ~~[12]~~ 24 months shall remain the same and shall not be extended.

[16.2.14.13 NMAC - Rp, 16.2.14.13 NMAC, 2/11/2022; A, 5/5/2026]

16.2.14.16 EXTERN LIMITATIONS: In no event shall an extern practice under extern certification(s) for more than a total of ~~[12]~~ 24 months or after failing the board's clinical skills examination more than ~~once~~ twice. The extern certification is not renewable. Exceptions for good cause shall not apply to the extern certification.

[16.2.14.16 NMAC - Rp, 16.2.14.16 NMAC, 2/11/2022; A, 5/5/2026]

16.2.14.17 EXPIRATION OF AN EXTERN CERTIFICATION: An Extern certification shall expire automatically ~~[12]~~ 24 months after the date of issuance unless the certificate expires sooner for any of the following reasons:

A. Upon licensure;

B. If the extern fails the board's clinical skills examination more than once; or

C. If the extern is no longer under the supervision of the externship supervisor.

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