

WAC 246-803-130 Application requirements for applicants from foreign schools. (1) An applicant for an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner license who has graduated from a foreign acupuncture or Eastern medicine practitioner program not accredited, or approved by the secretary must:

(a) Have at least a bachelor's or master's degree in Eastern medicine or acupuncture from an institution of higher learning which is approved by the foreign country's ministry of education/health, or other governmental entity;

(b) Have graduated from a program of Eastern medicine or acupuncture education with requirements substantially equal to those required of graduates of secretary-approved programs; and

(c) Demonstrate fluency in reading, speaking, and understanding the English language by taking the examinations required in WAC 246-803-240 (2)(a) through (c) in English or by passage of the test of English as a foreign language in WAC 246-803-240(3).

(2) An applicant for an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner license must submit to the department:

(a) A completed application.

(b) The application fee required under WAC 246-803-990.

(c) Original copy of school transcripts from the Eastern medicine or acupuncture program showing degree and degree date.

(d) A credentialing evaluation report from the International Consultants of Delaware (ICD).

(e) Verification of clinical training as required in WAC 246-803-230.

(f) Verification of successful completion of the examinations as required in WAC 246-803-240.

(g) Verification of all acupuncturist, acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner or health care licenses held, submitted directly from the licensing agency. The verification shall include the license number, issue date, expiration date and whether the acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner has been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action.

(h) Verification of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. The training in CPR shall consist of a minimum of one quarter credit or equivalent. Red Cross certification or documentation of equivalent training may be substituted for the one quarter credit.

(i) Any additional documents requested by the secretary.

(3) The department recognizes the ICD for credential evaluations. The applicant shall request that the ICD send their evaluation directly to the department. To obtain a credentialing evaluation report, the applicant shall submit to the ICD:

(a) Transcripts;

(b) Appropriate fees; and

(c) Other requested documentation.

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