

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 licensures 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 1, 2024.

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

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College of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine		
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. In Minnesota, consult the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice . For other states, consult the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine .		
Doctor of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Specialization (DAcCHM)		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Does Not License	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Meets	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Does Not Meet	
California	Does Not Meet	California Licensing Exam Required
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Does Not Meet	
District of Columbia	Meets	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
Federated States of Micronesia	Meets	
Florida	Does Not Meet	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	

Kansas	Meets	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Does Not Meet	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Meets	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Does Not Meet	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Does Not Meet	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
New Mexico	Does Not Meet	
New York	Meets	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Meets	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Does Not License	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Does Not Meet	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
Puerto Rico	Does Not License	
Republic of Palau	Does Not License	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Meets	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Does Not License	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Does Not Meet	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Does Not Meet	
Virgin Islands	Does Not License	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Meets	

Master of Acupuncture (M.Ac or MAc)		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Does Not License	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Meets	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Does Not Meet	
California	Does Not Meet	California Licensing Exam Required
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Does Not Meet	
District of Columbia	Meets	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
Federated States of Micronesia	Meets	
Florida	Does Not Meet	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Meets	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Does Not Meet	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Meets	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Does Not Meet	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Does Not Meet	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
New Mexico	Does Not Meet	
New York	Meets	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Meets	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Does Not License	

Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Does Not Meet	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
Puerto Rico	Does Not License	
Republic of Palau	Does Not License	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Meets	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Does Not License	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Does Not Meet	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Does Not Meet	Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine degree is required to practice herbal medicine
Virgin Islands	Does Not License	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Meets	

College of Chiropractic

If you plan to practice in the United States, you are required to pass examinations administered by the [National Board of Chiropractic Examiners \(NBCE\)](#). *Each state has unique licensure requirements that are subject to change and may go beyond the institution's graduation requirements. Some states require completion of a bachelor's degree (BS). It is the responsibility of the student to research their prospective state requirements. Please consult the [American Chiropractic Association's State Licensing Boards](#) for state-based information. NWHSU's College of Chiropractic is an accredited program recognized in all 50 states.

State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not License	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not License	
Florida	Meets	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Meets	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Meets	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	

New York	Meets	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Not Yet Determined	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Meets	
Republic of Palau	Does Not License	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not License	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Meets	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Meets	
Virgin Islands	Meets	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Meets	

College of Health and Wellness

Allied health programs in the college lead to national certifications.
 For Radiation Therapy and Radiologic Technology and individual [state licensure](#), please consult The American Registry of Radiologic Technologies State Licensing resource.

Radiation Therapy

State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not Meet	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not Meet	
Florida	Meets	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Does Not Meet	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Meets	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Meets	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	
New York	Meets	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	

Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not Meet	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Does Not Meet	
Republic of Palau	Does Not Meet	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not Meet	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Meets	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Meets	
Virgin Islands	Does Not Meet	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Meets	

Medical Laboratory Technology		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not Meet	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	Must pass California State Exam
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not Meet	
Florida	Meets	Must pass Florida State Exam
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	Must pass a Guam-specific exam.
Hawaii	Meets	Must pass Hawaii State Exam.
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Meets	
Kentucky	Does Not License	
Louisiana	Meets	Must pass Louisiana certification exam
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Meets	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	
New York	Does Not Meet	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not Meet	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Meets	Must pass a Puerto Rico-specific exam
Republic of Palau	Does Not Meet	

Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not Meet	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	Must pass Tennessee certification exam.
Texas	Does Not License	Employers may require certification form ASCP or AMT. NWHSU programs meet the requirements of the certification exam
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Meets	
Virgin Islands	Does Not Meet	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	Must pass W. Virginia certification exam.
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Meets	

Medical Laboratory Science		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not Meet	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Does not Meet	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not Meet	
Florida	Meets	Must pass Florida State Exam
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	Must pass a Guam-specific exam.
Hawaii	Meets	Must pass Hawaii State Exam.
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Meets	
Kentucky	Does Not License	
Louisiana	Meets	Must pass Louisiana certification exam
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Meets	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	
New York	Does Not Meet	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not Meet	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Meets	Must pass a Puerto Rico-specific exam

Republic of Palau	Does Not Meet	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not Meet	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	Must pass Tennessee certification exam.
Texas	Does Not License	Employers may require certification form ASCP or AMT. NWHSU programs meet the requirements of the certification exam
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Meets	
Virgin Islands	Does Not Meet	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	Must pass W. Virginia certification exam.
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Meets	

College of Health and Wellness

Completing the Associates of Applied Science (AAS) in Massage Therapy, the East West Therapeutic Massage Certificate, the Certificate in Therapeutic Massage, or the Certificate in Relaxation Massage qualifies graduates to take both the [National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork \(NCBTMB\)](#) exam that leads to Board Certification in Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (BCTMB), as well as the [Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam \(MBLEx\)](#). Please consult the [American Massage Therapy Association \(AMTA\)](#) for state licensing requirements and the [Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards \(FSMTB\)](#) for state MBLEx exam requirements.

Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy

State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not License	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not License	
Florida	Meets	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Does Not License	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Does Not License	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Meets	
Nevada	Meets	

New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	
New York	Meets	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not License	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Meets	
Republic of Palau	Does Not License	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not License	
Rhode Island	Meets	
South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Meets	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Does Not License	
Virgin Islands	Does Not License	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Does Not License	

Certificate in East West Therapeutic Massage		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not Meet	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not Meet	
Florida	Meets	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Meets	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Does Not License	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Does Not License	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Does Not Meet	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	
New York	Does Not Meet	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not Meet	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Does Not Meet	
Republic of Palau	Does Not Meet	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not Meet	
Rhode Island	Meets	

South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Meets	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Meets	
Virgin Islands	Does Not Meet	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Does Not License	

Certificate in Therapeutic Massage		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Meets	
Alaska	Meets	
American Samoa	Does Not Meet	
Arizona	Meets	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Meets	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not Meet	
Florida	Meets	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Does Not Meet	
Hawaii	Meets	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Meets	
Indiana	Meets	
Iowa	Meets	
Kansas	Does Not License	
Kentucky	Meets	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Meets	
Massachusetts	Meets	
Michigan	Meets	
Minnesota	Does Not License	
Mississippi	Meets	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Does Not Meet	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Meets	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Meets	
New York	Does Not Meet	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Meets	
Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not Meet	
Ohio	Meets	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Meets	
Pennsylvania	Meets	
Puerto Rico	Does Not Meet	
Republic of Palau	Does Not Meet	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not Meet	
Rhode Island	Meets	

South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Meets	
Utah	Meets	
Vermont	Meets	
Virgin Islands	Does Not Meet	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Meets	
Wyoming	Does Not License	

Certificate in Relaxation Massage		
State/Territories	Educational requirements for Professional Licensure	Notes
Alabama	Does Not Meet	
Alaska	Does Not Meet	
American Samoa	Does Not Meet	
Arizona	Does Not Meet	
Arkansas	Meets	
California	Meets	
Colorado	Meets	
Connecticut	Does Not Meet	
Delaware	Meets	
District of Columbia	Meets	
Federated States of Micronesia	Does Not Meet	
Florida	Meets	
Georgia	Meets	
Guam	Does Not Meet	
Hawaii	Does Not Meet	
Idaho	Meets	
Illinois	Does Not Meet	
Indiana	Does Not Meet	
Iowa	Does Not Meet	
Kansas	Does Not License	
Kentucky	Does Not Meet	
Louisiana	Meets	
Maine	Meets	
Maryland	Does Not Meet	
Massachusetts	Does Not Meet	
Michigan	Does Not Meet	
Minnesota	Does Not License	
Mississippi	Does Not Meet	
Missouri	Meets	
Montana	Meets	
Nebraska	Does Not Meet	
Nevada	Meets	
New Hampshire	Does Not Meet	
New Jersey	Meets	
New Mexico	Does Not Meet	
New York	Does Not Meet	
North Carolina	Meets	
North Dakota	Does Not Meet	
Northern Mariana Islands	Does Not Meet	
Ohio	Does Not Meet	
Oklahoma	Meets	
Oregon	Does Not Meet	
Pennsylvania	Does Not Meet	
Puerto Rico	Does Not Meet	
Republic of Palau	Does Not Meet	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Does Not Meet	
Rhode Island	Does Not Meet	

South Carolina	Meets	
South Dakota	Meets	
Tennessee	Meets	
Texas	Meets	
Utah	Does Not Meet	
Vermont	Does Not License	
Virgin Islands	Does Not Meet	
Virginia	Meets	
Washington	Meets	
West Virginia	Meets	
Wisconsin	Does Not Meet	
Wyoming	Does Not License	