
Alternative Medicine

There are a number of medical practitioners that are licensed but don't go through the traditional paths of medicine in the country. These include Chiropractors, Acupuncturists, Naturopaths, Hypnotherapists, Reflexologists, and their assistants. While the names of the occupations are largely consistent, the scope of allowed practice varies from state to state.

Common Qualifications

Most states require a specific training program or nationally recognized certification (or both) as part of their licensure requirements.

Examples of License Titles

These are nearly universally licensed occupations. In the national occupational license database, there are 199 licenses that are clearly associated with alternative and complementary medicine, representing 54 states and territories. Chiropractors and Acupuncturists are licensed in nearly all those areas, while about half license assistants specific to one of those categories and a similar number license naturopaths.

Most common license titles:

Chiropractor
Hypnotherapist
Naturopathic Physician
Reflexologists

Outlier license title examples:

ACUDETOX
Chiropractic Radiographic Assistant
Doctor of Naprapathy

Examples of License Boards

The board responsible for licensure is usually specific to the practice and often falls under medical examiners or health.

Most common board titles:

Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Acupuncture Examining Board

Outlier board title examples:

Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section

ONET codes

Mostly the codes align with the titles, but some of the smaller professions and assistants have to be grouped in a broader category.

29-1011.00	Chiropractors
29-1291.00	Acupuncturists
29-1299.00	Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners, All Other
29-1299.01	Naturopathic Physicians
31-9092.00	Medical Assistants

Related Occupations

Sometimes medical doctors can perform complementary medicine. There seem to be situations where the scope of practice extends to X-Ray (for Chiropractors) and there may be some overlap with X-Ray Technicians and Radiography.

Associated Certifications

- Qualification in Immunohistochemistry
- Certification in Internal Medicine
- Certification in Adult & Pediatric Allergy & Immunology Subspecialty
- Post Rehab Conditioning Specialist
- Certification in Neurology
- Certification of Healthcare CPD Professional
- Certified Compliance Professional - Physician
- Clinical Genetics and Genomics
- Certification in Clinical Sleep Health
- Animal Chiropractic Certification
- Certification in Otolaryngic Allergy
- Certification in Allergy & Immunology
- Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Neurology Board
- Otolaryngology Diplomate
- Sleep Medicine
- Rehabilitation Therapy Technician
- Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality
- National Reflexology Certification - Foot Exam
- National Reflexology Certification - Hand Exam
- Dual Certification in Rheumatology and Allergy and Immunology Certified Independent Chiropractic Examiner
- Diplomate American Chiropractic Board of Sports
- Physicians Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician
- Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Certification in Rheumatology
- Hospice and Palliative Medicine