



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: NORTH CAROLINA
Classification: ACUPUNCTURIST
Applicant Name:
<p>Acupuncturist: The Acupuncturist must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.</p>
<p>Definition of Care or Service: The Practice of Acupuncture is defined by traditional oriental medical concepts and shall not include the utilization of western medical diagnostic tests and procedures. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion and removal of acupuncture needles into designated anatomical points to promote healing, prevent illness, or treat a wide range of health problems/medical conditions afflicting specific organs or systems of the body, from neurological, respiratory, and digestive disorders to the management of emotional tension or stress, such as relief of arthritis or chronic pain. • Application of heat therapies to specific areas of the human body. • Traditional oriental adjunctive therapies which may include manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment, the recommendation of oriental therapeutic exercises, and, subject to federal law, the recommendation of dietary guidelines. • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect supervision by a Physician
<p>Evaluator: Department director, site manager or designee</p>
<p>Tier Level: 2</p>
<p>eSAF Access Required: YES</p>
<p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelors or higher in Acupuncture or Oriental medicine • Graduate of a school of acupuncture or traditional Oriental medicine program • Certification as an Acupuncturist through the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) • Licensed as an Acupuncturist <p>NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.</p>
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed by the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board (NCALB)
<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One year experience as an Acupuncturist
<p>Competencies: The Acupuncturist will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic aseptic technique <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needles are sterile, nontoxic, labeled for single use



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- Practices consistent hand hygiene
- Provide professional acupuncture services through assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of patients.
- Meet the needs of clients and the multi-disciplinary team through communication, coordination, and documentation.
- Assess, treat and evaluate patients of complementary Health and Healing within the scope of the Acupuncturists Practice Act for the State in which they are licensed.
- Communicate effectively with an interdisciplinary team including patient, family, physician, referral sources, team members, peers, support staff and management through written and verbal means.
- Document in the medical record according to facility policies and applicable regulations.
- Facilitate the delivery of age related care skills as defined by area patient population
- Assist in creating a calm and healing environment for patients and staff.
- Ensure compliance with applicable regulatory guidelines and requirements.
- Safe environment for patients
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before providing acupuncture
- Infection prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions and disposes biohazardous materials per hospital policy
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

- A Guide to AHP Credentialing, Second Edition, 2004, Acupuncturist, pages 175-183
- Clinical Privilege White Paper, Acupuncture, 09/2012
- State requirements <http://www.nccaom.org/state-licensure/>
- NCALB: <https://www.ncalb.com/>
- NCCAOM Find A Practitioner Directory <https://www.nccaom.org/find-a-practitioner-directory/>

Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____