Occupational Licensing Study
50 State Comparison

State Board of Medicine

Acupuncturist
Athletic Trainer
Behavior Analyst/Specialist
Certified Nurse Midwife
Genetic Counselor
Orthotic Fitter
Orthotist
Pedorthist
Perfusionist
Physician and Surgeon
Physician Assistant
Physician Acupuncturist
Practitioner of Oriental Medicine
Prosthetist
Respiratory Therapist

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Acupuncturist

An individual licensed to practice acupuncture by the State Board of Medicine.

Acupuncture is the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or alleviate the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain diseases or dysfunctions of the body.

Athletic Trainer

A person who is licensed to perform athletic training services by the State Board of Medicine.

Athletic training includes the rendering of emergency care, development of injury prevention programs and providing appropriate preventative and supportive devices for the physically active person.
Behavior Analyst / Specialist

An individual who designs, implements or evaluates a behavior modification intervention component of a treatment plan, including those based on applied behavioral analysis, to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior or to prevent loss of attained skill or function, through skill acquisition and the reduction of problematic behavior.

Certified Nurse Midwife

A nurse licensed by the State Board of Medicine to practice midwifery.

The practice involves the management of care of essentially normal women and their normal neonates. This includes antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and non-surgically related gynecological care.
**Genetic Counselor**

An individual who is licensed to practice genetic counseling by the State Board of Medicine. Genetic counseling is the counseling of individuals with established or potential genetic problems, concerned with inheritance patterns and risks to future offspring.

**Orthotic Fitter**

An individual who is licensed to properly fit, dispense and adjust prefabricated orthotic devices pursuant to a written prescription of a physician, podiatrist, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

**Orthotist**

An individual who is licensed by the State Board of Medicine to practice orthotics.

Orthotics is the practice of evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, adjusting or servicing an orthosis for the correction or alleviation of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal dysfunction, disease, injury or deformity pursuant to a written prescription of a licensed prescribing practitioner.
Pedorthist

An individual who is licensed by the State Board of Medicine to practice pedorthics.

Pedorthics is the practice of evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, adjusting or servicing necessary to accomplish the application of a pedorthic device for the prevention or amelioration of painful or disabling conditions related to the lower extremities pursuant to a written prescription of a licensed prescribing practitioner.

Perfusionist

An individual who is licensed to practice perfusion by the State Board of Medicine.

The practice involves the functions necessary for the support, treatment, measurement or supplementation of the cardiovascular system or other organs, or a combination of those functions, and for ensuring the safe management of physiologic functions by monitoring and analyzing the parameters of the systems under the supervision of a physician.
Physician and Surgeon

Physicians examine patients; take medical histories; prescribe medications; and order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests. They counsel patients on diet, hygiene, and preventive healthcare.

Surgeons operate on patients to treat injuries, such as broken bones; diseases, such as cancerous tumors; and deformities.

Physician Assistant

A person trained to perform, under the supervision of a physician, many clinical procedures traditionally performed by a physician, such as diagnosing and treating minor ailments.

Physician Acupuncturist

A medical doctor who intends to practice acupuncture. A person must hold two occupational licenses in order to practice as a Physician Acupuncturist. First license must be a Medical Doctor license (Physician) and the second must be an Acupuncturist license.
**Practitioner of Oriental Medicine**

An acupuncturist who is licensed by the Board to use herbal therapy. Herbal therapy is the application of Chinese herbology to the treatment of acupuncture patients.

**Prosthetist**

An individual who is licensed by the Board to practice prosthetics. Prosthetics is the practice of evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, adjusting or servicing a prosthesis pursuant to a written prescription of a licensed prescribing practitioner. A prosthesis is an artificial device that replaces a missing body part.
A respiratory therapist may implement direct respiratory care to an individual being treated by either a licensed medical doctor or a licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine, upon prescription or referral by a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, or under medical direction and approval consistent with standing orders or protocols of an institution or health care facility.
In order to practice acupuncture in **Alabama**, you must be a licensed physician or chiropractor and your practice must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the Food and Drug Administration.

In order to practice acupuncture in **South Dakota**, you must be a licensed chiropractor and apply for an Acupuncturist Certification.

In **Oklahoma** no law exists which licenses, regulates, or prohibits acupuncture.

Acupuncturist Certification Requirement

- States that require NCCAOM certification for licensure
- States that do not require NCCAOM certification for licensure
- States that do not license this occupation

NCCAOM = National Certification Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine

Continuing Education Requirement

- 2 hours
- 29.6 hours

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

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Acupuncturist

**Initial Licensing Fee**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

- **LOWEST:** $30.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN:** $300.00
- **HIGHEST:** $900.00 (Wyoming)

**Renewal Fees**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

- **LOWEST:** $40.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN:** $255.00
- **HIGHEST:** $900.00 (Wyoming)

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.*
**States with Reciprocity or Endorsement**

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*Not included: Alabama, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and South Dakota

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Athletic Trainer

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- Bachelors
- Not Licensed

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination
- Wyoming (WY)

States with 2 required examinations
- Arizona (AZ), New Mexico (NM), Texas (TX)

States with 3 required examinations
- Ohio (OH)

States that do not license this occupation

2020
**Training / Experience Requirement**

*This map displays states that have additional training requirements outside of academic requirements that include clinical training as part of the curriculum.*

Also known as a practicum or clinicals

- First Aid and Emergency Cardiac Care
- CPR Training
- HIV/AIDS Training
- No additional requirements

**Continuing Education Requirement**

*To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.*

ATs certified before 2019 must complete 50 CEUs, including at least 10 EBP CEUs. ATs certified in 2020 must complete 25 CEUs, including at least 5 EBP CEUs.
Initial Licensing Fee

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Renewal Fees

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# Athletic Trainer

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* Texas does not currently offer licensure reciprocity from other states. It is not possible to “transfer” an athletic trainer license from another state to Texas. You hold a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree and (a) current license, certification, or registration to practice athletic training issued by another state.

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In Arkansas, applied behaviorists fall under state laws for becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Behavioral Analysts are a recognized specialization area with BACB guidelines followed for their evaluation. See Professional Counselor Page for data.

In North Carolina, behavior analysis is included in the definition of the practice of psychology, pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. Sec. 90-270.2(8). In order to practice psychology in North Carolina, including behavior analysis, one must be licensed by the NC Psychology Board, unless one is exempt from licensure pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. Sec. 90-270.4. An individual who is a behavioral analyst, but not licensed to practice psychology in North Carolina, may provide ancillary services under the supervision and/or employment of a licensed psychologist or psychological associate, but shall not otherwise practice behavior analysis.
Behavior Analyst / Specialist

Training / Experience Requirement

* In PA, an applicant for licensure as a behavior specialist shall have completed at least 1,000 hours of in-person clinical experience with individuals with behavioral challenges or at least 1,000 hours of experience in a related field with individuals with autism spectrum disorders. An applicant for licensure as a behavior specialist shall have at least 1 year of experience involving functional behavior assessments of individuals under 21 years of age, including the development and implementation of behavioral supports or treatment plans.

Continuing Education Requirement

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

*MA is the only state with 30 hours, most are 32 hours

*New York and Utah is excluded from the pie chart and states that do not license this occupation
**Behavior Analyst / Specialist**

### Initial Licensing Fee

- **LOWEST:** $59.00 (Wisconsin)
- **MEDIAN:** $300.00
- **HIGHEST:** $850.00 (Arizona)

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

### Renewal Fees

- **LOWEST:** $59.00 (Wisconsin)
- **MEDIAN:** $183.60
- **HIGHEST:** $1,200.00 (Montana)

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Certified Nurse Midwife

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- Masters
- Not Licensed

* In New Jersey APRN is defined as a nurse practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist only.

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination
States with 2 required examinations
States that do not license this occupation
Certified Nurse Midwife

Training / Experience Requirement

*All certified nurse midwives must meet all registered nurse requirements

Continuing Education Requirement

*To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.
Certified Nurse Midwife

Initial Licensing Fee

- HIGHEST: $500.00 (California)
- MEDIAN: $100.00
- LOWEST: $30.00 (South Carolina)

Renewal Fees

- HIGHEST: $408.00 (Michigan)
- MEDIAN: $100.00
- LOWEST: $35.00 (West Virginia)

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*Licensure of persons licensed by another jurisdiction is available on this state, but is not label as reciprocity, but functions as such.

**Certified Nurse Midwife**

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Genetic Counselor

Degree Requirement

- States that require a Master's degree:
  - NV, WY
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- States that do not license this occupation:
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*HI, HB 1362 (2009) Licensed Genetic Counselors, but does not give specific licensing requirements

Examination Requirement

- States with 1 required examination:
  - WA
  - OR
  - ID
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2020
States do not require any additional experience or training outside of the certification from American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) or American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG). States require licensees to have current certification from American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) or American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG).
**Genetic Counselor**

**Initial Licensing Fee**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles*

- **LOWEST:** $40.00 (Indiana)
- **MEDIAN:** $200.00
- **HIGHEST:** $400.00 (Idaho)

**Renewal Fees**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles*

- **LOWEST:** $30.00 (Indiana)
- **MEDIAN:** $150.00
- **HIGHEST:** $400.00 (Idaho and Washington)

*AL and GA are excluded because of it recent licensure by SB 213 GENETIC COUNSELOR ACT (AL) and Chapter 360-39 (GA), data not available yet.*
Genetic Counselor

States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

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Orthotic Fitter

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- High School Diploma / GED
- Not Licensed

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations
- States that do not license this occupation
Orthotic Fitter

Training / Experience Requirement

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

Continuing Education Requirement

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CE Reporting Cycles

- 20 CE hours / 2 yrs
- 14 CE hours/2 yrs
- 13 CE hours/2 yrs

1 year

2 States

3 States

2 years

MEDIAN:
1,000 hours
20 hours

PA
U.S. avg.

Experience scale
1 year = 1,600 hours - 2,080 hours
2 year = 2,080 + hours

THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE
Orthotic Fitter

Initial Licensing Fee

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**HIGHEST**: $1,005.00 (Florida)

**MEDIAN**: $300.00 (Pennsylvania)

**LOWEST**: $25.00 (Pennsylvania)

Renewal Fees

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**HIGHEST**: $500.00 (Kentucky)

**MEDIAN**: $300.00 (Pennsylvania)

**LOWEST**: $75.00 (Pennsylvania)

* Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.
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Orthotist

Degree Requirement

States with 1 required examination

States with 2 required examinations

States that do not license this occupation

Examination Requirement

Degrees:

- Bachelors
- Not Licensed

2020
Orthotist

Training / Experience Requirement

Continuing Education Requirement

* Other represents vague language in the states legislation that states there is an experience requirement in the form of an internship or clinical rotation but does not state how long.

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.
Orthotist

Initial Licensing Fee

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Renewal Fees

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Pedorthist

Degree Requirement

*All states that license this occupation require completion of a National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) approved pedorthic pre-certification education course.

Examination Requirement
Pedorthist

Training / Experience Requirement

Continuing Education Requirement

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

MEDIAN:
- PA: 1,000 hours
- U.S. avg.: 834.55 hours
- PA U.S. avg.: 23.36 hours

CE Reporting Cycles:
- 5 years
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 1 year
- 3 States
- 6 States
- 1 State
- 1 State
- 13 hours
- 20 hours
- 22 hours
- 16 hours
- 60 hours
- 200 hours
- 1,000 hours

States that do not license this occupation
**Pedorthist**

### Initial Licensing Fee

- **LOWEST:** $25.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN:** $400.00
- **HIGHEST:** $1,005.00 (Florida)

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

### Renewal Fees

- **LOWEST:** $75.00 (FL, OK, SD)
- **MEDIAN:** $400.00
- **HIGHEST:** $900.00 (Alabama)

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*Ohio and Pennsylvania require credentialed practice.
Perfusionist

Degree Requirement

Examination Requirement

*Part I, the Perfusion Basic Science Examination (PBSE), and Part II, the Clinical Applications in Perfusion Examination (CAPE) are considered one examination for the purposes of this info-graph
**Perfusionist**

**Training / Experience Requirement**

- Applicants must complete a minimum of 75 Clinical Perfusions prior to their graduation to sit for examination.

- States that do not license this occupation.

**Continuing Education Requirement**

- CE Reporting Cycles
  - 3 years: 4 States
  - 2 years: 10 States
  - 1 year: 2 States

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

**States that do not license this occupation**

2 States

**CE Reporting Cycles**

- 30 hours
- 25.26 hours
- MEDIAN: 30 hours

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**Perfusionist**

## Initial Licensing Fee

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Physician and Surgeon

Training / Experience Requirement

- **1 yr**: 1 year
- **2 yrs**: 2 years
- **3 yrs**: 3 years

**Continuing Education Requirement**

- **> 16 hours**
- **16 - 36 hours**
- **37 - 44 hours**
- **45 - 52 hours**
- **> 52 hours**

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

*Montana, New York, and South Dakota do not require Physicians to acquire Continuing Medical Education in order to renew a license.

* States with 0 CE hours not included in pie chart.
Physician and Surgeon

Initial Licensing Fee

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Renewal Fees

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### Physician and Surgeon

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*Arkansas, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Wyoming*
THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

Physician Assistant

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- Completion of an accredited Physician Assistant program

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination
- WI
States with 2 required examinations
- TX

2020
Physician Assistant

Training / Experience Requirement

Continuing Education Requirement

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* States with 0 CE hours not included in pie chart
**Physician Assistant**

### Initial Licensing Fee

- **PA**: $30.00 avg.
- **U.S. avg.**: $228.78
- **LOWEST**: $30.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN**: $201.50
- **HIGHEST**: $675.00 (Nevada)

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.*

### Renewal Fees

- **PA**: $40.00
- **U.S. avg.**: $197.83
- **MEDIAN**: $200.00
- **LOWEST**: $30.00 (New York)
- **HIGHEST**: $555.90 (Texas)

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**Physician Acupuncturist**

**Degree Requirement: Doctorate Degree**
An applicant must have received a doctorate degree from an accredited medical college.

**Examination Requirement: 1 Examination**
The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is a three-step examination for medical licensure in the United States. The applicant must submit proof of obtaining a passing score on one of the examinations acceptable to the Board by contacting the appropriate agency and request scores be sent directly to the Board.

**Experience: 200 hours of education**
An applicant must complete 200 hours of training in acupuncture medical programs including examinations required by those programs. An Acupuncture medical program is an academic or clinical program of study in acupuncture which has been given category I continuing medical education credit by an institution accredited or recognized by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education to conduct category I continuing medical education courses.

**Initial Licensing Fee: $30.00**
Acupuncturist Application: $30.00.

**Licensure Renewal Fee: $40.00**
Biennial renewal of license.

**Continuing Education Requirement: 2 Hours**
2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements must be completed for renewal or reactivation of a license.
Practitioner of Oriental Medicine

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- Masters
- Not Licensed

Examination Requirement

- States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations
- States with 3 required examinations
- States that do not license this occupation

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Practitioner of Oriental Medicine

Training / Experience Requirement

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Continuing Education Requirement

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**Renewal Fees**

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**Prosthetist**

**Degree Requirement**

*North Dakota and Wisconsin do not provide state licenses; however, they do require practitioners to hold certification with either the ABC or BOC.*

*California currently does not require state licensure for prosthetists, however, to enroll as a Medi-Cal Prosthetics Provider, ABC Certification in Prosthetics or BOPC Certification in Prosthetics is necessary.*

**Examination Requirement**

States with 1 required examination

States with 2 required examinations

States that do not license this occupation
The State Board of Medicine

**Prosthetist**

**Training / Experience Requirement**

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

**Continuing Education Requirement**

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### Initial Licensing Fee

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and fingerprinting fees.*

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**Note:**

- **U.S. avg.**
- **PA**

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**Renewal Cycles**

- **Biennial:** 11 States
- **Annual:** 4 States

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Continuing Education Requirement

* States with 0 CE hours not included in pie chart
Initial Licensing Fee

- **LOWEST**: $30.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN**: $120.00
- **HIGHEST**: $300.00 (California)

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

Renewal Fees

- **LOWEST**: $25.00 (Pennsylvania)
- **MEDIAN**: $123.00
- **HIGHEST**: $330.00 (California)

*Colorado are excluded, data not available and Alaska not licensed.

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**Not Specified in Legislation**

- Iowa
- Kansas
- Missouri

**Reciprocity**

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming
Observation Section

Orthotic Fitter, Orthotist, Pedorthist and Prosthetist

The follow states have dual prosthetist-orthotist licenses:

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Texas

New Jersey licenses orthotics and prosthetics under the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners, under the Division of Consumer Affairs, which is located in the Attorney General’s Office.

In Ohio, the licensing for Orthotic, Prosthetic, & Pedorthic Practitioners has moved to the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board effective January 22, 2018.

Oklahoma is the only state to regulate Prosthetic Technicians and Orthotic Technicians.

Minnesota has Orthotic Fitter, Orthotist, Pedorthist and Prosthetist under the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Osteopathic doctors licensed under Medical Board as either D.O. or Physician

1. Alabama
2. Alaska
3. Arkansas
4. Colorado
5. Connecticut
6. Delaware
7. District of Columbia
8. Georgia
9. Hawaii
10. Idaho
11. Illinois
12. Indiana
13. Iowa
14. Kansas
15. Kentucky
16. Louisiana
17. Maryland
18. Massachusetts
19. Minnesota
20. Mississippi
21. Missouri
22. Montana
23. Nebraska
24. New Hampshire
25. New Jersey
26. New York
27. North Carolina
28. North Dakota
29. Ohio
30. Oregon
31. Rhode Island
32. South Carolina
33. South Dakota
34. Tennessee
35. Texas
36. Virginia
37. Wisconsin
38. Wyoming
Additional Licenses by Other States

- **Hawaii** licenses Acupuncturist Intern, while Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Rhode Island, and Vermont define it in their legislation.

- **D.C** regulates Surgical Assistants, Dialysis Technicians and Polysomnographic Technologists

- **Delaware** has Athletic Trainers licensed under the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, while most states have a separate individual licensing board for Athletic Trainers

- Some states like **Alaska, Hawaii, Kansas**, includes podiatrists under their medical board. While most states like PA have separate individual licensing boards for podiatrists.
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Alaska
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/statemedicalboard.aspx

Arizona
https://www.azmd.gov/

Arkansas
https://www.armedicalboard.org/

California
https://www.mbc.ca.gov/

Colorado
https://dpo.colorado.gov/Medical

Connecticut

Delaware
https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice/

District of Columbia
https://dchealth.dc.gov/bomed

Florida
https://flboardofmedicine.gov/

Georgia
https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/

Hawaii
https://cca.hawaii.gov/pv/boards/medical/

Idaho

Illinois
https://www.idfpr.com/profs/physicians.asp

Indiana
https://www.in.gov/pla/medical.htm

Iowa
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Kansas
http://www.ksbha.org/main.shtml

Kentucky
https://kbml.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx

Louisiana
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Maryland
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Massachusetts
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Michigan
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Minnesota
https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/

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https://www.msmbml.ms.gov/

Missouri
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Montana
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Nebraska
http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Medicine-and-Surgery.aspx

Nevada
http://medboard.nv.gov/

New Hampshire
https://www.oplc.nh.gov/medicine/

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https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme

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https://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/

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North Carolina
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https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/

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West Virginia
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