

CHAPTER 15. SPECIAL CERTIFICATES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

140:15-1-2. Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context plainly indicates otherwise:

"Act" means the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act, 59 O.S. 1991, §§161.1 et seq.

"Acupuncture and/or Meridian Therapy" means a healthcare method used to prevent, diagnose and treat disease by restoring the body's balance and harmony consisting of the stimulation of various points on or within human body or interruption of the cutaneous integrity by specific needle insertion or other form of point stimulation.

"Board" means the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

"Certificate" means a document given to a chiropractic physician by an institution, specialty council, specialty board, or Board, verifying the chiropractic physician has fulfilled the educational requirements set forth by the institution, specialty council, specialty board, or Board granting the certificate.

"Certification" means a process by which an institution, specialty council, specialty board, institution, or Board evaluates and acknowledges a chiropractic physician's successful completion of a pre-established set of requirements or criteria.

"Chiropractic physician" or **"licensee"** means a person who holds an original license to practice chiropractic in this state.

"Diplomate Specialty" means a postgraduate diplomate degree or certificate granted to a chiropractic physician.

"Dry Needling" means a physical intervention that uses a filiform needle to stimulate myofascial trigger points, diagnose and treat neuromuscular pain and functional movement deficits; is based on Western medical concepts; requires an examination and diagnosis, and treats specific anatomic entities selected according to physical signs.

"Homeopathy" means a healthcare method used to prevent, diagnose and treat disease by homeopathic methods such as homeopathic medicines, agents, remedies and articles.

"Institution" means a school of higher education or its affiliate, regulated by a state department of education or state department of health occupation or state commission on higher education or a school accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.

"Naturopathy" means a healthcare method used to prevent, diagnose and treat disease by naturopathic methods of natural therapeutic modalities that include but are not limited to naturopathic medicines, agents, remedies and articles.

"Non-Diplomate Specialty" means a certificate that is not specifically identified as being a Diplomate that is granted to a chiropractic physician by an institution, specialty council, or specialty board.

"Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program (RCSP)" means the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program (RCSP).

"Registry" means a structured record of registration information regarding all chiropractic physicians holding themselves out as having a specialty certificate.

"Specialty Board" means a professional, independent entity that provides for competency testing of didactic and clinical skills of applicants and granting of certifications in post-doctoral chiropractic specialty areas upon completing an approved post-doctoral curriculum.

"Specialty Certificate" means a document granted to a chiropractic physician by a specialty council, specialty board, or institution signifying the chiropractic physician has obtained Diplomate specialty status or a non-diplomate specialty certification that is granted by an institution.

"Specialty Council" means an approved council by the International Chiropractic Association or the American Chiropractic Association, or its equivalent as approved by the Board.

SUBCHAPTER 7. PUBLIC WELFARE

140:15-7-1. Display of license

Each chiropractic physician shall, at all times, display his or her original license and current renewal license in a prominent place at the primary location in this state where they are ~~he is~~ engaged in the practice of chiropractic. Failure to properly display the original license and or the current license renewal may result in the issuance of a field citation.

140:15-7-4. Appendages to names of licensees

(a) Every chiropractic physician who writes or prints, or causes to be written or printed, his or her name (whether or not the word "doctor," or an abbreviation thereof, is used in conjunction therewith) in any manner in connection with such person engaging in, or in any manner holding himself or herself out to the public as engaging in, the practice of chiropractic, shall append to his or her name so written or printed, in the same size letter as his or her name, one of the following designations:

- (1) Chiropractic Physician;
- (2) Doctor of Chiropractic
- (3) Chiropractor; or
- (4) D.C.

(b) Failure to properly use the designations listed above may result in the issuance of a field citation.

SUBCHAPTER 9. CHIROPRACTIC SPECIALTIES

140:15-9-1. Oversight Authority

The Board shall have practice oversight authority for all post-doctorate chiropractic specialties. No chiropractic physician shall represent to the public that he/she is a specialist in any area unless said chiropractic physician is registered with the Board. Pursuant to the legislative authority granted to the Board, the Board hereby recognizes the requirements adopted from time to time of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards' Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program (FCLB RCSP) as requirements of the Board. The Board, however, reserves the approval authority for all programs based on furtherance of professional development and related areas, and in the interest of the public protection objectives of the Act. The Board shall review all post-doctorate specialty applications and shall approve those applications that meet Board requirements. The Board shall maintain a registry listing all chiropractic physicians who are approved by the Board.

SUBCHAPTER 13. DRY NEEDLING

140:15-13-3. Application for registration; educational requirements

Any chiropractic physician who desires to represent to the public he/she is a specialist in dry needling shall make application, on a form prescribed by the Board, for registration for such purpose. Each such chiropractic physician shall submit to the Board documentary evidence of satisfactory completion of the following;

- (1) To be deemed competent to perform dry needling a chiropractor holding an acupuncture certification must meet the following requirements: Documented successful completion of a dry needling course of study. The course of must meet the following requirements: A minimum of twelve (12) hours of face-to-face IMS/dry needling course study sponsored by an institution accredited by the council of chiropractic or its equivalent or another course of study deemed appropriate by the Board.
- (2) To be deemed competent to perform dry needling a chiropractor without acupuncture certification must meet the following requirements: Documented successful completion of a dry needling course of study. The course must meet the following requirements: A minimum of ~~twelve~~ twenty-four (24) hours of face-to-face IMS/dry needling course study sponsored by an institution accredited by the council of chiropractic or its equivalent or another course approved of study deemed appropriate by the Board; Online study is not considered appropriate training.
- (3) Upon successful demonstration of these requirements, the Board shall list the chiropractic physician's name on the

registry.

