

## **EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

**Title of Regulation:** 18 VAC 85-20-10 et seq. Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathy, Podiatry, and Chiropractic.

**Statutory Authority:** § 54.1-2400 and Chapter 29, (§ 54.1-2900 et. seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia

**Effective Date:**

**Summary:** These regulations protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth by establishing requirements and fees for initial license, license renewal, reinstatement of a lapsed license and approval of foreign medical schools that teach the healing arts.

**18 VAC 85-20-131. Requirements to practice acupuncture.**

Such practice shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. To be qualified to practice acupuncture, licensed doctors of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, and chiropractic shall first have obtained at least 200 hours of instruction in general and basic aspects of the practice of acupuncture, specific uses and techniques of acupuncture, and indications and contraindications for acupuncture administration. After (insert the effective date of this regulation), at least 50 hours of the 200 hours of instruction shall be clinical experience supervised by a person legally authorized to practice acupuncture in any jurisdiction of the United States. Persons who held a license as a physician acupuncturist prior to July 1, 2000, shall not be required to obtain the 50 hours of clinical experience.
2. A podiatrist may use acupuncture only for treatment of pain syndromes originating in the human foot.