

**This is an amendment to 16.2.4 NMAC, Sections 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 19, effective 1/4/2020.**

**16.2.4.8 APPROVED EXAMINATIONS:** The board approved examinations shall consist of a written examination portion and a practical examination portion. All required NCCAOM examinations must be completed prior to taking the clinical skills examination.

**A.** The written examinations approved by the board shall be:

- (1) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine foundations of oriental medicine module;
- (2) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine acupuncture module;
- (3) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine Chinese herbology module;
- (4) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine biomedicine module;
- (5) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine approved clean needle technique course; and
- (6) the board approved and board administered jurisprudence examination covering the act and the rules.

**B.** The practical examinations approved by the board shall be:

- (1) the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine point location module; and
- (2) the clinical skills examination; the clinical skills examination includes examination in acupuncture, herbal medicine and biomedicine competencies.

**C.** The board may adopt such other examinations as may be necessary for psychometric evaluation of its approved examinations.

[11/3/1981...7/1/1996; 4/1/1997, 8/31/1998, 5/15/1999, 7/3/1999; 16.2.4.8 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 2.4.8, 5/20/2000; A, 7/26/2001; A, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 1/4/2020]

**16.2.4.10 EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE:** The following shall be the examination requirements for licensure. All fees for nationally recognized examinations shall be paid by the applicant and are not included in fees charged by the board.

**A.** Achievement of a passing score as determined by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (NCCAOM) on each of the following prior to taking the clinical skills exam:

- (1) the NCCAOM foundations of oriental medicine module;
- (2) the NCCAOM acupuncture module;
- (3) the NCCAOM Chinese herbology module;
- (4) the NCCAOM biomedicine module; and
- (5) the NCCAOM point location module

**B.** Achievement of a passing score of at least seventy-five percent on the clinical skills examination. To determine a passing score when the applicant is examined by more than one examiner, if the applicant is examined by two examiners, the applicant must receive a score of at least seventy-five percent after both scores are averaged and if the applicant is examined by three examiners, the applicant must receive a score of at least seventy-five percent from a majority of the examiners.

**C.** Successful completion of the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine approved clean needle technique course.

**D.** Achievement of a passing score of not less than 90 percent on the board approved and board administered jurisprudence examination covering the act and the rules.

**E.** Applicants who completed the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (NCCAOM) examinations in acupuncture and Chinese herbology prior to June 2004 are not required to pass the NCCAOM foundations of oriental medicine module.

[11/3/1981...7/1/1996; 4/1/1997, 8/31/1998, 5/15/1999; 16.2.4.10 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 2.4.10, 5/20/2000; A, 7/26/2001; A, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 1/4/2020]

**16.2.4.11 CLINICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION FREQUENCY AND DEADLINES:** The board shall hold a clinical skills examination at least once each year provided that applications for licensure are pending. The initial application specified in Section 11 of 16.2.3 NMAC shall be received at the board office at least 60 calendar days before the next scheduled clinical skills examination date. The board shall send a written response to the applicant informing the applicant of the application's completeness or needed documentation postmarked at least 45 calendar days before the next scheduled clinical skills examination date. All documentation required to complete the initial application for licensure shall be received at the board office at least 35 calendar days before the next scheduled clinical skills examination date. If the application requirements are received at the board office after a deadline, the application will be held and not processed until the deadline schedule for the next subsequent clinical skills examination. The applicant shall be notified of approval or denial of his or her completed initial application for licensure specified in Section 11 of 16.2.3 NMAC, by mail ~~[postmarked]~~ or electronic means at least 25 calendar days prior to the next scheduled clinical skills examination date.  
[11/3/1981...7/1/1996; 16.2.4.11 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 2.4.11, 5/20/2000; A, 7/26/2001; A, 03/02/2003; A, 11/28/2009; A, 1/4/2020]

**16.2.4.12 CLINICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION CONFIRMATION:** The board approved confirmation card, provided to the applicant, shall be ~~[mailed]~~ sent to the applicant ~~[upon]~~ within fifteen days of receipt of the clinical skills examination fee specified in 16.2.10 NMAC. Confirmation of clinical exam passage will be valid for 24 months from the date of initial application. After 24 months ~~[has]~~ have passed, the applicant will have to retake the clinical exam and reapply as a new applicant and pay required fees specified in 16.2.10 NMAC.  
[16.2.4.12 NMAC - N, 7/26/2001; A, 03/02/2003; A, 11/28/2009; A, 1/4/2020]

**16.2.4.13 PAYMENT OF CLINICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION FEE:** The non-refundable clinical skills examination fee specified in 16.2.10 NMAC shall be paid by check or money order in U.S. funds and received in the board's office at least ~~[forty five (45)]~~ 31 calendar days prior to the next scheduled clinical skills examination.  
[11/3/1981...7/1/1996; 4/1/1997; N, 8/31/1998, 5/15/1999, 2/17/2000; 16.2.4.12 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 2.4.12, 5/20/2000; 16.2.4.13 NMAC - Rn, 16.2.4.12 NMAC, 7/26/2001; A, 7/26/2001; A, 03/02/2003; A, 11/28/2009; A, 2/8/2013; A, 6/16/2015; A, 1/4/2020]

**16.2.4.17 RE-EXAMINATION:** Applicants who have failed the clinical skills examination may apply to take the next subsequent clinical skills examination. The applicant shall notify the board of his commitment to take the next subsequent clinical skills examination with a written and signed letter received at the board office at least 60 days before the next clinical skills examination date. The applicant shall then be notified by the board of his acceptance to take the next clinical skills examination by mail ~~[postmarked]~~ or electronic means at least 45 days prior to the next scheduled clinical skills examination date. The applicant shall pay the clinical skills examination fee in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of 16.2.4 NMAC. If the applicant does not pass the next scheduled clinical skills examination, the applicant shall file a new application on the current form provided by the board, pay all the required fees, and satisfy all current requirements in effect at the time the application is made. If the applicant passes the exam, but does not complete license application within 24 months, the applicant will have to reapply as an initial applicant.  
[7/1/1996; 4/1/1997; Rn, 16 NMAC 2.4.13, 8/31/1998, 5/15/1999, 2/17/2000; 16.2.4.16 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 2.4.16, 5/20/2000; A, 10/22/2000; 16.2.4.17 NMAC - Rn, 16.2.4.16 NMAC, 7/26/2001; A, 7/26/2001; A, 11/28/2009; A, 1/4/2020]

**16.2.4.19 REVIEW OF CLINICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION SCORE:** Applicants may request review of their clinical skills examination results by the board or its examination committee for significant procedural or computational error if such review request is received in writing at the board office within ~~[30]~~ 25 calendar days of notification to the applicant of the clinical skills examination results.  
[Rn, 16 NMAC 2.4.17, 8/31/1998, 5/15/1999; 16.2.4.20 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 2.4.20, 5/20/2000; 16.2.4.19 NMAC - Rn, 16.2.4.20 NMAC, 7/26/2001; A, 7/26/2001; A, 2/15/2005; A, 11/28/2009; A, 1/4/2020]