



What You Should Know About Acupuncture in Florida

- FSOMA is the 501c6 professional association for Licensed Acupuncturists in Florida
- 2600+ Active Licensed Acupuncturists in Florida
- 400+ Students enrolled in 6 accredited Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AOM) Schools in Florida
- Licensure in Florida requires a Master's Degree in Acupuncture
 - Over 2700 hours of supervised education
 - At least 600 hours of supervised clinical training
 - Continuing education requirements
 - Many Licensed Acupuncturists take further training earning a Doctorate Degree.
- Students must pass 4 national exams administered by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) before being eligible for licensure.
- Florida Acupuncture Licenses are granted by the Board of Acupuncture within the Florida Department of Health.
- We are considered **primary healthcare providers** by Fl Statute 457.102.
- The World Health Organization recognizes Acupuncture as proven effective through controlled trials for over 25 health conditions <http://digicollection.org/hss/en/d/Js4926e/5.html>
- Acupuncture is cost effective for treating many conditions <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24138020>

Acupuncture has been proven a safe, efficacious and cost-effective treatment for many proven health issues as per the WHO and NIH. It should be more widely available to those at risk for opioid addiction.