

**WAC 246-803-010 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (1) "Accredited school, college or program" means:
  - (a) Accredited or has candidacy status as a United States postsecondary school, college or program; or
  - (b) Accredited by or has candidacy status with the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM).
- (2) "Acupuncture needles" means solid filiform instruments intended to pierce the skin in the practice of acupuncture. Acupuncture needles used on a patient must be sterile and disposable, and may only be used once.
- (3) "Acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner" is a person licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW.
- (4) "Acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine program" means training in acupuncture or Eastern medicine offered by an academic institution that satisfies the education requirements set out in WAC 246-803-210, 246-803-220, and 246-803-230. A program is an established area of study offered on a continuing basis. An acupuncture or acupuncture and Eastern medicine program may be referred to as a program in acupuncture, acupuncture and Eastern medicine, or Eastern medicine.
- (5) "Acupuncture or acupuncture and Eastern medicine school" means an accredited academic institution which has the sole purpose of offering training in acupuncture or acupuncture and Eastern medicine that satisfies the education requirements set out in WAC 246-803-210, 246-803-220, and 246-803-230.
- (6) "Approved school" means a school, college or program approved by the secretary of the department of health that meets the requirements of WAC 246-803-500.
- (7) "Credit" means 10 classroom contact hours on the quarter system or 15 classroom contact hours on the semester or trimester system.
- (8) "Department" means the department of health.
- (9) "Hypodermic needle" means a device intended to inject fluids into, or withdraw fluids from, parts of the body below the surface of the skin.
- (10) "Primary health care provider" means an individual licensed under:
  - (a) Chapter 18.36A RCW, Naturopathy;
  - (b) Chapter 18.57 RCW, Osteopathy—Osteopathic medicine and surgery;
  - (c) Chapter 18.71 RCW, Physicians;
  - (d) Chapter 18.71A RCW, Physician assistants; or
  - (e) RCW 18.79.050, "Advanced registered nursing practice" defined—Exceptions.

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