

and licensed acupuncturists. The board is funded exclusively with licensure fees. More information is available at the board's Internet site, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov

The board licenses based on the results of two three-part national examinations: USMLE for medical doctors and osteopathic physicians and surgeons or COMLEX for osteopathic physicians and surgeons. The board also determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement of examination scores, and issues resident physician licenses, as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensee discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints or liability claims, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of license discipline. The board is authorized to operate the Iowa Physician Health Program, a voluntary program for monitoring recovery/rehabilitation of impaired physicians. More information on this program is available at <http://iphp.iowa.gov/>. The board may, if necessary, petition the district court for enforcement of its authority. The board registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report on the evaluation of certain complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions possibly constituting cause for licensee discipline. The board issues license renewals and certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions and determines requirements for continuing medical education.

The board is responsible for evaluating applications and issuing licenses to qualified acupuncturists. Persons who hold a valid Iowa license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry may engage in the practice of acupuncture without registration issued by the board.

At the start of 2011, the board was administering 10,593 licenses for physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and 41 licenses for acupuncturists.

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The board has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws relating to the practice of nursing, licensure of nurses, nursing education, and continuing education as a prerequisite to license renewal. The board enforces the law and administrative rules applicable to the practice of nursing, including the use of disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action. The board issues licenses to registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners.