

of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, 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 issues licenses to medical physicians, osteopathic physicians, and acupuncturists who meet qualifications defined in Iowa law and administrative rules. The categories of medical licensure are resident, temporary, special, permanent, and administrative. 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 and 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 a license issued by the board.

At the start of 2015, the board was administering 11,538 active licenses for physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and 52 active licenses for acupuncturists.

Iowa is a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which establishes an expedited licensure process for qualified physicians who seek licensure in compact states.

BOARD OF NURSING

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The Board of Nursing is a seven-member board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The board has the authority and responsibility to administer and enforce the laws relating to the licensure of nurses, the practice of nurses, nursing education, and continuing education. The board issues licenses to registered nurses, practical licensed nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners. The board enforces the law and administrative rules applicable to the practice of nursing, including the use of disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action.