



**State of Washington
Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission**

Statement Of The Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission Regarding In-State Chiropractor Training On Procedures Which Are Not Within The Chiropractic Scope Of Practice In Washington

Recently the Washington Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission has become aware of chiropractor training being offered in our state on procedures that chiropractors cannot legally perform in Washington. Our Commission wants all chiropractors in Washington to be aware that taking such courses will not in any way permit a chiropractor to perform procedures which are beyond the chiropractic scope of practice in Washington. Performing procedures outside the scope of practice is a violation of state law, and will result in disciplinary action against a chiropractor's license. Finally, coursework hours in subjects that are not in the scope of practice will not be recognized toward satisfying a chiropractor's annual continuing education requirements to renew his or her license.

[\(See Washington Administrative Code 246-808-150\)](#)

For example, under a chiropractic license, a chiropractor may not perform acupuncture procedures in Washington. Even if a chiropractor completes a course in acupuncture, this will not permit the chiropractor to practice acupuncture in Washington. If a chiropractor wishes to practice acupuncture in Washington, he or she must obtain an additional professional license that includes the practice of acupuncture, such as a Washington license in East Asian Medicine.

To ensure patient safety and compliance with state regulations, our Commission strongly advises that chiropractors carefully review whether courses they are considering cover procedures and techniques that chiropractors may legally perform in Washington.

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