



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Pacific College of Health and Science: Regents
Authorization to Award the Doctor of Acupuncture (D.Ac.)
Degree

DATE: August 28, 2025

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize Pacific College of Health and Science (Pacific College) to award the Doctor of Acupuncture (D.Ac.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its September 2025 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Regents authorization is required because the College is not currently authorized to award the D.Ac. degree.

Background Information

Pacific College submitted a proposal to offer a D.Ac. program in Acupuncture.

Pacific College is authorized to award the following degrees: Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (D.A.O.M). The College currently offers an M.S. program in Acupuncture.

Related Regents items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize Pacific College of Health and Science to award the D.AC. degree on duly qualified students completing the D.Ac. program in Acupuncture effective September 9, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the program, and the College will proceed to recruit and enroll students.