

# National Acupuncture Detoxification Association

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## Statement of Local Laws and Regulations

*Thank you for applying for the NADA annual pre-conference training taking place in Austin, Texas from Sunday March 17 – Saturday March 23, 2019. The following document explains the Texas law and regulations as it pertains to individuals who will continue to practice the NADA protocol in Texas, as well as general information about laws and regulations governing the practice of NADA in other states.*

### **Texas Applicants**

Texas allows individuals trained by NADA to provide this protocol “for the treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse, or chemical dependence; under the [general/indirect] supervision of a licensed acupuncturist or physician.” Furthermore, the Texas Medical Board which regulates the NADA protocol, requires that the provider is “a licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed psychologist, licensed chemical dependency counselor, licensed vocational nurse, or licensed registered nurse.” Finally, there is a requirement of fulfilling 6 continuing education credits in order to renew the Texas ADS certification, which is currently set at \$52 for the initial application, and \$25 for the annual renewal. Click [here](#) to view the full statute. Click [here](#) to view a sample ADS state certification application (note that you must apply online, not with a paper application). Click [here](#) to view the full rules on Acudetox Specialists, found starting on p. 147 of the PDF.

### **Out-of-state Applicants**

We recommend that you determine your eligibility to be a NADA provider in your home state. Please refer to our website to see the full listing of states that have legal statutes or exemptions allowing non-acupuncture providers to use the NADA protocol. You will be able to download a PDF of each state’s law: <https://acudetox.com/resources/regulations/>.

In the U.S.A. and Canada, the following states and provinces include some kind of legal exemption for non-acupuncturists: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Manitoba, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming. In the states of Ohio and Washington, nurses are able to be providers of the NADA protocol (in addition to acupuncturists and physicians) and in North Carolina nurse practitioners and physicians’ assistants can be trained providers.

It is important to note that each state has its own set of rules and regulations. If you are NADA-trained and move to a new state, it is your responsibility to check the new state’s laws. Some jurisdictions restrict the application of acupuncture needles to licensed acupuncturists or the equivalent.

As part of the successful completion of your training, you will review and sign an Ethics Pledge in which you agree to adhere to the state and local rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the NADA protocol. Feel free to contact the NADA office if you have any questions about this. We are available Mon-Fri 9-5 Mountain Time at (888) 765-6232 or by email at [nadaoffice@acudetox.com](mailto:nadaoffice@acudetox.com).



## Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist (ADS) 2019 Pre-Conference Training Application Form

Developed in the 1970s at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx, the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) protocol was originally used as a supportive component in drug and alcohol treatment settings. The 21<sup>st</sup> century has brought a remarkable expansion in the use of the NADA protocol. Reflecting this, NADA has also expanded its scope to include the use of this treatment for behavioral health, including addictions, mental health, and disaster and emotional trauma.

Our training program is a unique model of public-health education and care. Emphasis is on the safety, simplicity and effectiveness of NADA. The pre-conference training is competency-based and includes a blend of classroom hours and supervised clinical practice in the field. If all ADS competencies and requirements are met, you are eligible to earn the ADS certificate of training on Saturday, March 23, at the close of the annual conference. Conference attendance is required for all preconference trainees.

Applications must be submitted to the NADA office for review. You will be notified in 48 hours, unless submitted on a weekend, if you have been approved or denied. If approved, you may submit the conference registration form which can be downloaded from the website or emailed/mailed from the NADA office.

**Where:** Training location TBA – community site in Austin, TX.

**When:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 to Saturday, March 23, 2019, hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (times may vary, but plan on an 8-hr training day with a 1-hr lunch break. There may also be elective options for evening clinics).

**Cost:** \$780, \$550 with Student ID/Senior status -- Cost includes all materials used in the training. The fee also includes a one-year membership to NADA, the training, and the 2-day NADA annual conference on March 22 and 23. If you are interested in a refresher training, please contact us at [nadaoffice@acudetox.com](mailto:nadaoffice@acudetox.com) for discounted registration rates.

**Pre-Conference Application Deadline: 02/21/2019.**

**Conference Early Registration Deadline: 02/22/2019.**

### Fill out information to apply.

By signing below, you acknowledge your interest and intent to attend the NADA pre-conference training from March 17 to 23, 2019. You also acknowledge that you have read the scope of practice requirements from your state regarding the practice of the NADA protocol.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Position/Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Credential(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Are you currently under any disciplinary action/restriction to your license/credential? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If yes, attach explanation.*

**Reason for your interest in training:** Please attach a short summary (no more than 1 page) of your motivation to participate in the NADA protocol training and how you plan to use the treatment.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information:** Please contact Sara Bursać at [nadaoffice@acudetox.com](mailto:nadaoffice@acudetox.com) or (888) 765-6232.