



(AAAOM), the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), the Council of Colleges for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM), Federation Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies (FAOMRA), and the National Acupuncture Foundation (NAF), made its first filing with SOC Policy Committee (SOCPC) in 2008. This first submission resulted in Acupuncturists being tracked by O-Net, and subsequently assigned to a major SOC category 29-1000 - Other diagnosing and treating health professions.

David W. Miller, MD, Dipl. OM (NCCAOM)®, LAc, chair of the 2014 BLS Proposal Submission Subcommittee of NCCAOM's Research Committee and current chair of the newly formed American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA), was instrumental in culling, organizing, and formatting data from various sources, but most significantly from the NCCAOM's 2013 Job Analysis Survey. This data demonstrated that the number of practitioners exclusively providing acupuncture and Asian medicine was growing and that it was a unique profession. "The process of developing the second proposal called upon a collaborative effort of many industry experts to validate the profession through real data," said Miller. "Securing the distinct Standard Occupational Code (SOC) was a necessary and hugely influential step in continuing the development and growth of the discipline of acupuncture and East Asian medicine."

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