Training time for different practitioners

South Dakota is one of the few states in US where there is no licensing requirement to practice acupuncture and/or herbal medicine. Acupuncture/Herbal practitioners in South Dakota may claim that she/he is a board certified clinician. However, the training time required by different boards varies greatly.

Practitioner	Board Certification	Training time	Information source
Medical Doctor	American Board of Medical Acupuncture (ABMA)	300 hours	http://www.dabma.org/requirements.asp
Chiropractor	American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncture (ABCA)	300 hours	http://americanboardofchiropracticacupuncture.org/
Licensed/Certified Acupuncturist	National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)	3-4 Years (US) ≥ 5 Years (China)	http://www.nccaom.org/consumers/acupuncture-certification
Doctor of Oriental Medicine			http://www.nccaom.org/consumers/oriental-medicine-certification

To search a NCCAOM certified practitioner, go to http://mx.nccaom.org/FindAPractitioner.aspx