



Institutional Member Record ♦ Last Revised: March 2021

University of Bridgeport School of Naturopathic Medicine
(formerly University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine)
Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND) Program
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Current CNME Status: Accredited

- Initial accreditation granted in March 2006
- Accreditation last re-affirmed in October 2018, retroactive to May 2018
- The University decided in 2019 to phase out its ND program and discontinue enrolling new students. It is now in the process of teaching out the remaining students enrolled in the program. The ND program anticipates that the teach-out process will be completed in 2022. During the teach-out period, the ND program will continue to have CNME accreditation status.

Institutional or Regional Accreditor (if applicable):

New England Association of Schools and Colleges
3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100, Burlington, Massachusetts, USA 01803
Phone: 781-271-0022

State Postsecondary Regulatory Agency:

Connecticut Office of Higher Education
39 Woodland Street, Hartford, Connecticut, USA 06105
Phone: 860-947-1800

Record of Report Submissions, Actions and Decisions (in reverse chronological order):

- May 19, 2019: *Teach-out plan approved. (Background: The University announced plans to discontinue offering the ND program and to not accept any new students into the program. The School of Naturopathic Medicine is engaged in teaching out the currently enrolled ND students; during the teach-out period, the ND program will retain its CNME accreditation. The teach-out should be completed by 2022.*
- November 7, 2018: *Accreditation re-affirmed for 7 years retroactive to May 2018 (note that the site visit was postponed for six months due to the ND program director's ill health).*
- September 6, 2016: *Substantive change accepted.*
- June 16, 2016: *Substantive change submitted.*
- May 1, 2016: *Annual Report for 2015 accepted.*
- October 19, 2014: *Accreditation re-affirmed for 5 years retroactive to May 2013; focused report accepted; follow-up focused report due by August 1, 2016.*
- August 1, 2014: *Focused report submitted.*

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- May 4, 2013: *Accreditation re-affirmation deferred until October 31, 2014; current accreditation will remain in effect; focused report due by August 1, 2014.*
- April 17, 2011: *Interim report accepted.*
- April 19, 2009: *Accreditation re-affirmed for 4 years.*
- February 2, 2009: *Interim report submitted.*
- April 11, 2006: *Focused visit; Initial accreditation granted for 3 years.*
- 2006: *Focused report submitted.*
- September 13, 2005: *Candidacy re-affirmed, initial accreditation denied.*
- April 2003: *Candidacy re-affirmed.*
- March 31, 2001: *Candidacy granted.*
- November 1, 2000: *Application for candidacy accepted.*
- September 11, 2000: *Candidacy denied.*
- May 2000: *Application for candidacy submitted.*

Self-Study Reports on File:

- Summer 2018
- Spring 2013

CNME Evaluation Team Reports on File:

- September 5-7, 2018 Comprehensive evaluation visit for re-affirmation of accreditation
- March 25-27, 2013 Comprehensive evaluation visit for re-affirmation of accreditation

Other Documents on File:

- Annual Reports 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Substantive Change 2016
- Focused Report 2014
- Interim Report 2011
- General Correspondence

Evaluation Visit Dates and Team Composition (in reverse chronological order):

- September 5-7, 2018 Comprehensive evaluation visit for re-affirmation of accreditation
Don Warren, ND, (chair), Private Practitioner; Nick De Groot, ND, Dean of Naturopathic Medicine-CCNM; Marianne Marchese, ND, Private Practitioner; Steven Rissman, ND, Assistant Professor, Metropolitan State College of Denver.
- March 25-27, 2013: Comprehensive evaluation visit for re-affirmation of accreditation
Joni Olehausen, ND, (chair), Associate Clinical Dean and Associate Professor-Bastyr University; David Scotten, ND, Dean of Academic Education-BINM; Nick De Groot, ND, Dean of Naturopathic Medicine-CCNM; Joe Wessels, ND, Private Practitioner.
- February 2-4, 2009: Comprehensive evaluation visit for re-affirmation of accreditation
David Scotten, ND, (chair), Dean of Academics-UBCNM; Sheldon Haber, Vice President Finance and Administration-Bastyr University; Paul Saunders, ND, Adjunct Faculty Member-CCNM; Paul Walker, PhD, Educational Consultant, Quemado.
- February 20-21, 2006: Focused re-visit for initial accreditation
Brian J. Henderson, BA, (chair), President-Health Team Associates; V. Joseph Wessels, ND, Private Practitioner; Debra Brammer, ND, Residency Program Director-Bastyr University; Thomas Kruzal, ND, Private Practitioner, former Vice-President Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer-SCNM.
- April 18-20, 2005: Comprehensive evaluation visit for initial accreditation

Brian J. Henderson, BA, (chair), President-Health Team Associates; **V. Joseph Wessels, ND**, Private Practitioner; **Debra Brammer, ND**, Residency Program Director-Bastyr University; **Thomas Kruzal, ND**, Private Practitioner, former Vice-President of Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer-SCNM.

- March 3-5, 2002: Comprehensive evaluation visit for re-affirmation of candidacy
Sarah G. Ringdahl, ND, (chair), Dean of Naturopathic Medicine-Bastyr University; **Lynn L. Walker, DrPH**, Director of Special Projects/Assistant to the Academic Dean-University of Health Sciences.
- February 22-23, 2001: Comprehensive evaluation visit for initial candidacy
Don Warren, ND, (chair), Private Practitioner; **Robert Lofft, CNME Executive Director**; **Steven Rissman, ND**, Private Practitioner.

UBCNM Institutional Member Representatives (in reverse chronological order):

- 2014-2016: **Marcia Prenguber, ND, FABNO**, Dean, College of Naturopathic Medicine
- 2013: **Jennifer Johnson, ND**, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, College of Naturopathic Medicine
- 2007-2010: **Guru Sandesh Khalsa**, Dean, College of Naturopathic Medicine
- 2001-2003: **Peter A. Martin**, Dean, College of Naturopathic Medicine