

Founded in 1978, the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, D.C. CNME's mission is to promote high quality naturopathic medical education in the United States and Canada through the accreditation of four-year, residential doctoral-level programs that lead to the Doctor of Naturopathy (ND) degree or diploma. Graduates of CNME accredited and candidate programs are eligible to take the naturopathic licensing examinations administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. The U.S. Secretary of Education recognizes CNME for preaccreditation and accreditation of ND programs in the U.S.

Accredited Naturopathic Medicine (ND) Programs

□ **Bastyr University**
Naturopathic Medicine Program (Washington State Campus)
 14500 Juanita Dr. N.E.
 Kenmore, WA 98028-4966
 (425) 823-1300 ♦ www.bastyr.edu

Bastyr University
Naturopathic Medicine Program (California Campus)
 4106 Sorrento Valley Boulevard
 San Diego, CA 92121
 (425) 823-1300 ♦ www.bastyr.edu

Initial accreditation for the Washington-based program granted April 1987, and for the California-based program granted February 2012. Accreditation for both programs was last reaffirmed October 2019 for a period of five years. The next comprehensive evaluation visit for both campuses is scheduled for the spring or summer of 2024 with a decision to be made at the fall 2024 CNME meeting. The university is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

□ **Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 #330 - 435 Columbia Street
 New Westminster, BC V3L 5N8, Canada
 (604) 777-9981 ♦ www.binm.org

Initial accreditation granted December 2008 and last reaffirmed October 2019 for a five-year period, retroactive to May 2018. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for the fall or winter of 2022 with a decision to be made at the spring 2023 CNME meeting. BINM is recognized by all Canadian provinces that regulate naturopathic doctors

□ **Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 1255 Sheppard Ave. East
 Toronto, Ontario M2K 1E2, Canada
 (416) 498-1255 ♦ www.ccnm.edu

Initial accreditation granted September 2000 and last reaffirmed May 2020 for a period of seven years. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for winter 2027 with a decision to be made at the spring 2027 CNME meeting. CCNM is recognized by all Canadian provinces that regulate naturopathic doctors.

□ **National University of Natural Medicine**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 049 S.W. Porter
 Portland, OR 97201
 (503) 552-1660 ♦ www.nunm.edu

Initial accreditation granted April 1991 and last reaffirmed May 2015 for a period of seven years. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for the fall of 2021 with a decision to be made at the spring 2022 CNME meeting. The college is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

□ **National University of Health Sciences**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 200 E. Roosevelt Road
 Lombard, Illinois 60148
 (800) 826-6285 ♦ www.nuhs.edu

Initial accreditation granted October 2012 and last reaffirmed October 2016 for a period of six years. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for the spring of 2022 with a decision to be made at the fall 2022 CNME meeting. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

□ **Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 2140 E. Broadway Road
 Tempe, AZ 85282
 (480) 858-9100 ♦ www.scnm.edu

Initial accreditation granted in November 1999 and last reaffirmed May 2019 for a period of seven years. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for the fall of 2025 with a decision to be made at the spring 2026 CNME meeting. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

□ **University of Bridgeport**
School of Naturopathic Medicine
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 60 Lafayette Street
 Bridgeport, CT 06604
 (203) 576-4109 ♦ www.bridgeport.edu

Initial accreditation granted November 1999 and last reaffirmed October 2018 for a period of seven years. The university decided in 2019 to discontinue the ND program and is in the process of teaching out the current ND students, with a goal of completing the teach-out process by the spring of 2022. The university is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Candidate Naturopathic Medicine Programs

Candidacy is an affiliation with the Council that indicates a naturopathic medicine program:

1. Meets the Council's eligibility requirements;
2. Complies with the Council's standards to the degree expected of a program for its stage of development; and
3. Has demonstrated its potential to attain accreditation within five years after obtaining initial candidacy.

□ **Universidad Ana G. Méndez**
School of Health Sciences
Naturopathic Medicine Program
 P.O. Box 303
 Gurabo, PR 00778
 (787) 743-7979 ♦ www.ut.suagm.edu

Candidacy was initially granted May 2015 and reaffirmed May 2017. An evaluation visit for initial accreditation that was scheduled for spring 2020—with a decision to be made at the May 2020 CNME meeting—was postponed to fall 2020 due to the coronavirus situation; the Council correspondingly extended the program's candidacy status. The university is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Approved Residency Programs

In addition to its accreditation activities, CNME approves institutions to sponsor postdoctoral residency programs in naturopathic medicine. The CNME *Handbook for Naturopathic Medicine Residency Programs*, which contains the requirements for residency programs is downloadable from the CNME website. The following four CNME-affiliated institutions are currently approved to offer residency programs at various sites:

- Bastyr University**
- Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine**
- National University of Natural Medicine**
- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine**

**Public Comment Notice for
Upcoming Accreditation Actions**

At its meeting scheduled for fall 2020, the CNME Board of Directors will consider for initial accreditation the following ND program for initial accreditation the ND program offered by the Universidad Ana G. Méndez.

This notice invites written comments from state postsecondary education agencies; institutional and programmatic accrediting agencies; naturopathic licensing agencies; administrative staff, faculty, and students of colleges and programs associated with CNME; national, state and provincial associations of naturopathic physicians; and other organizations and individuals who wish to offer comments on NUHS's qualifications for candidacy.

Written comments must include the name, position title (when applicable), and address of the person making the submission. Any comments CNME receives are available to the institution to which the comments pertain upon request; however, CNME keeps confidential the name of the commenter if he/she is currently involved with the institution (e.g., student, staff, faculty), and does not release them to any other third party.

CNME requests that comments be mailed or emailed to CNME by September 30, 2020. Please direct comments to Dr. Seitz, Executive Director.

Additional Information

Additional information on accreditation appears on the CNME website (www.cnme.org) and in the CNME *Handbook of Accreditation for Naturopathic Medicine Programs*, which contains CNME's accreditation standards, policies, and other information; the *Handbook* can be downloaded from the website or ordered from the CNME office. The website also has a link to the U.S. Department of Education's website, where detailed information about the U.S. system of accreditation appears. Questions regarding CNME may be directed to the Executive Director, Dr. Daniel Seitz.

Information about the naturopathic profession and professional licensure in Canada and the U.S. is available from the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (www.cand.ca) and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (www.naturopathic.org).

The next regular meeting of the CNME Board of Directors will be held in October or November of 2020; the exact date TBD. Please contact the CNME office for more information.