

COUNCIL ON NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATION

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INFORMATION REPORT

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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, Washington 98028-4966
(425) 823-1300 ♦ www.bastyr.edu

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

Accreditation was initially granted in April 1987 and last reaffirmed in October 2019. The next full-scale evaluation is scheduled for spring/summer 2024, with a decision on continued accreditation to be made in the fall of 2024. The university has institutional accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, a U.S. Department of Education-recognized regional accrediting agency.

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

Initial CNME accreditation was granted September 2000, and reaccreditation was last granted May 2020. The next evaluation visit for reaccreditation is scheduled for fall 2026 or winter 2027, with a decision to be made at the spring 2027 Council meeting. The college is recognized by all Canadian provinces that regulate naturopathic doctors.

In February 2021, the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM) and the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM), located in New Westminster, British Columbia—which offered a CNME-accredited ND program—merged into a single, combined naturopathic institution under the name Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. The merged institution offers ND programs at both the CCNM campus in Toronto, Ontario, and at the campus of the former BINM in New Westminster, British Columbia. The ND programs at both campuses are CNME-accredited.

Former Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (now a branch campus of CCNM)
Naturopathic Medicine Program
#300 - 435 Columbia Street
New Westminster, British Columbia V3L 5N8, Canada
(604) 777-9981

Initial CNME accreditation was granted to BINM in December 2008, and reaccreditation was last granted October 2019 retroactive to May 2018. Going forward, the combined CCNM will be on the same reaccreditation schedule: see above.

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

Initial CNME accreditation was granted October 2012, and reaccreditation was last granted October 2016. The next evaluation visit for reaccreditation is scheduled for spring 2022, with a decision to be made at the fall 2022 Council meeting. The university has institutional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, a U.S. Department of Education recognized regional accrediting agency.

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

Initial CNME accreditation was granted April 1991, and reaccreditation was last granted May 2015. The next evaluation visit for reaccreditation is scheduled for fall 2021, with a decision to be made at the spring 2022 Council meeting. The college has institutional accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, a U.S. Department of Education-recognized regional accrediting agency.

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

Initial CNME accreditation was granted in November 1999, and reaccreditation was last granted May 2019. The next evaluation visit for reaccreditation is scheduled for fall 2025, with a decision to be made at the spring 2026 Council meeting. The college has institutional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, a U.S. Department of Education recognized regional accrediting agency.

- **Universidad Ana G. Méndez**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
P.O. Box 3030
Gurabo, Puerto Rico 00778
(787) 743-7979 ♦ www.uagm.edu

Initial CNME accreditation was granted in January 2021, retroactive to May 2020, for a period of four years. Since the evaluation visit for initial accreditation was conducted virtually due to COVID-19 related impediments, the CNME will conduct a follow-up, interim onsite visit in 2022. The next evaluation visit for reaccreditation is scheduled for winter 2024 with a decision to be made at the spring 2024 Council meeting. The university is accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education, a U.S. Department of Education recognized national accrediting agency.

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

Accreditation was initially granted in March 2006 and last reaffirmed in October 2018, retroactive to May 2018. The University of Bridgeport decided in 2019 to phase out the ND program, and the teach-out process will be completed in May 2022. During the teach-out period, the ND program will continue to have CNME accreditation status. The university has institutional accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, a U.S. Department of Education recognized regional accrediting agency.

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 Notices for
Upcoming Accreditation Actions**

The CNME will review the ND program offered by National University of Natural Medicine for reaccreditation at its meeting on May 19 – 20, 2022. Please refer to the CNME website for information on the opportunity to comment on the qualifications of NUNM's ND program for reaccreditation.

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 on May 19 – 20, 2022.