



2021 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW FORM

Note to reviewers: The primary purpose of the annual report review process is to make sure that CNME-accredited and candidate ND programs are addressing any outstanding recommendations within the specified time period, and that they are otherwise remaining in compliance with CNME accreditation standards and policies.

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Recommendations adopted by the Council on January 24, 2021

Outstanding Recommendation

Recommendation V-1: The program needs to take further steps to strengthen the oversight of online exams to protect against cheating/academic dishonesty. (Std.V.F.1a)

Did information and/or documentation provided demonstrate progress in addressing the recommendation?

- Yes _____ (*There is evidence of progress*)
- No _____ (*There is no evidence of progress*)

Is there sufficient information and/or documentation to decide whether the recommendation has been fully addressed?

- Yes _____ (*Remove recommendation*)
- No _____ (*Require continued reporting*)

If the recommendation has not been fully addressed and the program will require more than two years (or the time period previously specified by the Council) to address it, has the program met the requirements for an extension based on “good cause” as stated in the CNME Policy on Enforcement of Standards?

- Yes _____ (*Extend time period for _____ [not to exceed six months, if the program has already had two years to address the finding]; indicate the basis for this suggestion in the Comments section below*)
- No _____ (*Initiate immediate adverse action; indicate the basis for this suggestion in the Comments section below*)

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If the time period for addressing the recommendation is extended, should the program be placed on a sanction (i.e., Letter of Advisement, Probation, or Show Cause)?

- *Yes* _____ *(Indicate the basis for this suggestion in the Comments section below)*
- *No* _____ *(Indicate the basis for this suggestion in the Comments section below)*

Outstanding Recommendation

Recommendation VI-1: The program appears to be 20 hours short of meeting the CNME 1,200-hour clinical training requirement. The program must ensure that the curriculum covers the full number of required clinical training hours. (Std.VI.C)

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Outstanding Recommendation

Recommendation VII-1: NPLEX exam results continue to fall below the CNME benchmark. The program must continue to implement steps to improve performance on the NPLEX exam (e.g., curriculum changes, practice exams, tutoring). (Std.VII.B.5)

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Areas of Interest adopted by the Council on May 13, 2021

Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest IV-1: There is an overreliance on clinical faculty who are fairly recent naturopathic medicine graduates and who thus have not had a lot of practice experience. (Std.IV.A.3)

Did information and/or documentation provided demonstrate progress in addressing the area of interest?

- Yes_____ (*There is evidence of progress*)
- No_____ (*There is no evidence of progress*)

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- Yes_____ (*Remove recommendation*)
- No_____ (*Require continued reporting*)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest IV-2: The NMDP relies strongly on hiring UAGM graduates as program faculty. (Std.IV.A.4)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest IV-3: There is a need for greater diversity among the faculty in regard to the range of naturopathic specialties offered by the program. (Std.IV.A.4)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest V-1: First-year students reported that they did not have a formal orientation at the start of 2020 – 2021 academic year. (Std.V.A.1)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest V-2: The team is concerned that some changes to academic policies are conveyed via email without being formally published (e.g., retention index for the GPA). (Std.V.A.2)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest V-3: The team did not see any references to a process for the program to identify academically at-risk students and take appropriate action. (Std.V.E.2)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest V-4: Students do not have access to adequate academic tutoring services, which may be one of the factors negatively impacting NPLEX pass rates (e.g., tutoring for A&P). (Std.V.A.1)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest VI-1: An excessive number of students were receiving primary and secondary credit on individual patients due to the coronavirus situation. This practice appears to have been discontinued, but should not be resumed. (Std.VI.C.5)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest VI-2: It appears that one student's record of having completed the clinical training requirements was incomplete; the program must ensure that records are complete before any student is allowed to graduate. (Std.VI.D.6)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest VII-1: The program has established an excessive number of assessment metrics without, it appears, carefully determining which metrics are most useful for purposes of improving the program; as a result, the program is challenged in “closing the loop” in terms of gathering useful information and incorporating it for the purpose of program improvement. (Std.VII.B.3)

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Outstanding Area of Interest

Area of Interest IX-1: The team received feedback from students that materials related directly to the ND program (e.g., texts for required courses) are sometimes not readily available through the library. (Std.IX.A)

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Reviewer's Comments

*Use this section—and attach additional sheets if necessary—for the following purposes:
(1) to explain the basis for your conclusions regarding the recommendations and areas of interest above, and
(2) to note any problematic areas in the report that may indicate a new compliance issue with
CNME's accreditation standards and policies.*