

Founded in 1978, the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education is a tax-exempt, 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, primarily 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 USA
(425) 823-1300 ♦ www.bastyr.edu

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

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

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

Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
Naturopathic Medicine Program (Boucher campus)
Suite 300, 435 Columbia St., New Westminster
British Columbia, V3L 5N8 Canada
(416) 498-1255 ♦ www.ccnm.edu

In February 2021, the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM) and the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM) 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 former BINM campus in New Westminster, British Columbia. Both ND programs are CNME-accredited (note that when it was a separate institution, the BINM ND program was CNME-accredited).

Initial CNME accreditation was granted to CCNM in September 2000 and last reaffirmed in May 2020. The next full-scale evaluation is scheduled for winter 2027, with a decision on continued accreditation to be made in spring 2028. The college is recognized by all Canadian provinces that regulate naturopathic doctors and its graduates are also licensable in the U.S. states that license naturopathic doctors.

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

Initial CNME accreditation was granted October 2012 and last reaffirmed in October 2022. The next full-scale evaluation visit is scheduled for spring 2029, with a decision on continued accreditation to be made in fall 2029. The university has institutional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, a U.S. Department of Education recognized institutional accrediting agency.

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

Initial CNME accreditation was granted April 1991 and last reaffirmed in May 2022. The next full-scale evaluation visit is scheduled for fall 2028, with a decision on continued accreditation to be made in spring 2029. The college has institutional accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, a U.S. Department of Education-recognized institutional accrediting agency.

- **Sonoran University of Health Sciences**
(Formerly, Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences)
Naturopathic Medicine Program
2140 E. Broadway Rd, Tempe, Arizona 85282
(480) 858-9100 ♦ www.sonoran.edu

Initial CNME accreditation was granted in November 1999 and last reaffirmed in May 2019. The next full-scale evaluation is scheduled for fall 2025, with a decision on continued accreditation to be made in spring 2026. The university has institutional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, a U.S. Department of Education recognized institutional accrediting agency.

- **Universidad Ana G. Méndez**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
P.O. Box 3030, Gurabo, Puerto Rico, 00778 USA
(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 conducted a follow-up, interim onsite visit in the spring of 2023. The next comprehensive evaluation visit for reaccreditation is scheduled for April of 2024 with a decision on continued accreditation to be made at the spring 2024 Council meeting.

Previously Accredited ND Programs No Longer in Operation or Merged with Another Institution

- **Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine**
Naturopathic Medicine Program
Suite 300, 435 Columbia St., New Westminster
British Columbia, V3L 5N8 Canada
(416) 498-1255 ♦ www.ccnm.edu

Initial accreditation of BINM's ND program was granted December 2008. Reaccreditation was last granted October 2019 retroactive to May 2018. In February 2021, the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM) and the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM) merged into a single, combined naturopathic institution under the name Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. See the listing above for CCNM for information on current accreditation status of the merged institution.

For transcripts and other information related to the former Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine ND program prior to BINM's merger with CCNM, contact: info@ccnm.edu.

- **University of Bridgeport**
School of Naturopathic Medicine
Naturopathic Medicine Program
60 Lafayette St., Bridgeport, Connecticut, 06604 USA
(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

announced in 2019 that it would officially discontinue its ND program, and the university graduated its final class of ND students in May 2022.

For transcripts and other student-records-related information regarding the University of Bridgeport's discontinued ND program, contact: registrar@bridgeport.edu.

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*, downloadable from www.cnme.org, contains the requirements for residency. The following four CNME-affiliated institutions are currently approved to offer residency programs at various clinical sites:

- Bastyr University**
- Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine**
- National University of Natural Medicine**
- Sonoran University of Health Sciences**
(Formerly, Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences)

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 16 – 17, 2024.