

**Summary Regarding the 2019 DORA Sunset Review Report:
A Statement from the Colorado Association of Naturopathic Doctors Legislative Committee**

1. We are generally pleased with the findings of the Sunset Review Report, and in particular, Recommendation 1, to continue the Naturopathic Doctor Act for nine years, until 2029.
2. Recommendation 2, to revoke the Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee, would leave naturopathic doctors without a place to consider a number of practice issues, as well as the appropriate place to consider a proposed ND formulary by Rule rather than statute, as well as other issues that may arise with regard to the profession.
3. Recommendation 5, to repeal all statutory references to *NABNE*, *CNME* and the *NPLEX* from the Naturopathic Doctor Practice Act is troubling. The report erroneously states: "*Education programs are required to be approved by the United States Department of Education, but naming CNME in the statute creates a presumption that only CNME programs fulfill the education requirement for NDs.*"
 - The truth is that the United States Department of Education does not require any education programs or institutions to be approved by any oversight bodies or agencies, **nor does the US Department of Education directly approve or accredit any education programs or institutions. Postsecondary accreditation is a voluntary process, and a college or university need not be accredited in order to provide instruction or confer academic degrees.** Rather, the US Department of Education holds accrediting agencies accountable by ensuring that they enforce their accreditation standards effectively. The Secretary of Education is required by law to publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies that the Secretary determines to be reliable authorities as to the quality of education or training provided by the institutions of higher education and the higher education programs they accredit. The *Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)* is the only agency for naturopathic medical education recognized in the US Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs. This recognition ensures that naturopathic doctors who graduate from a CNME-accredited school have received the highest standards of medical training that allows them to be safe and competent practitioners.
 - The *North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE)* administers the *Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination (NPLEX)* **only** to naturopathic doctors who have graduated from a CNME-accredited school. Because the NPLEX is the naturopathic equivalent of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) for medical doctors, it would be dangerous for Colorado law to allow any board exams other than the NPLEX to satisfy the requirement for naturopathic registration. Doing so would be analogous to letting MDs and DOs take board exams other than the USMLE, or letting attorneys take an alternative to the bar exam.
 - There is a growing organization called the *American Naturopathic Medical Association (ANMA)*, which is comprised of lay practitioners, dentists, chiropractors, and other individuals who want to promote themselves to the public as naturopathic doctors (or board-certified naturopaths) despite the fact that they have not attended a 4-year accredited naturopathic medical school. The ANMA has developed its own curriculum which has not been vetted by the CNME or the US Department of Education, and they also administer their own board examination through the *American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board*. **The ANMA and the exam administered by the American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board are not recognized or accepted by any state governments or Canadian provinces.**

- Today, there are many practitioners in Colorado and abroad who have completed a non-accredited program (such as Trinity School), taken the *American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board* exams, and feel justified in calling themselves “board-certified naturopathic physicians,” “board-certified naturopaths,” and other misleading titles. This is unsafe and unfair for the public, and it undermines the nearly 200 registered naturopathic doctors in Colorado who have completed the proper naturopathic medical training and NPLEX requirements.
- All states and Canadian provinces that regulate naturopathic doctors require a passing score on the NPLEX before an ND can obtain a license or registration. **Repealing references to NABNE, NPLEX and the CNME from the Naturopathic Doctor Act will create an avenue through which lay practitioners with no professional medical training would be eligible to register as bonafide doctors in the State of Colorado.**
- There is a profound difference between a lay “naturopath” (also called a “traditional naturopath”) and a **naturopathic doctor**. A traditional naturopath attends a program that is typically less than 1 year long, often completed online, and does not include instruction related to the clinical sciences such as physical exam, diagnosis, laboratory medicine, diagnostic imaging, pharmacology, or emergency medicine. These non-accredited programs typically cost less than \$2,000 for the entire certification, and the curricula are largely focused on basic health and wellness principles such as nutrition, lifestyle, and personal enrichment. These programs do not include any comprehensive medical education or hands-on practicum training in a clinical setting. Conversely, a naturopathic doctor (ND) attends a 4-year postbaccalaureate medical program. They receive training in all of the basic sciences such as anatomy, physiology, histology, genomics, biochemistry, pathology, immunology and microbiology. Naturopathic doctors are trained in all of the clinical sciences such as pharmacology, gastroenterology, cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, pediatrics, gynecology, psychiatry, dermatology and minor surgery, plus all aspects of diagnosis using labs, imaging (x-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound) and physical examination. A naturopathic doctor completes an internship with over 1,100 hours of direct patient care before graduation. They are trained to recognize and address medical emergencies, and they know how and when to refer patients to medical specialists. In many states, naturopathic doctors are able to prescribe medications and serve as primary care physicians.
- **The Colorado Association of Naturopathic Doctors does not seek, in any way, to eliminate or restrict traditional naturopaths’ ability to work in Colorado.** Our goal is to protect the important distinction between traditional naturopaths who work as health coaches and do not have comprehensive medical training, and naturopathic doctors who have four years of professional medical training, so that the public can make informed health care decisions.

*The Legislative Committee of the Colorado Association of Naturopathic Doctors
December 2019*

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List of Agencies

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION AGENCY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION IN NURSING, INC. | ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR MIDWIFERY EDUCATION | ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR PHARMACY EDUCATION | ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE | ACCREDITING BUREAU OF HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOOLS | ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES | ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS, ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Current Agencies	Agency Type
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics	Programmatic Accreditor
Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	Programmatic Accreditor
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. – May 6, 2013 Formerly: National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission	Programmatic Accreditor
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools	Programmatic Accreditor
Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges	Institutional Accreditor

Current Agencies	Agency Type
Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training	Institutional Accreditor
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	Institutional Accreditor
American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	Programmatic Accreditor
American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education	Programmatic Accreditor
American Optometric Association, Accreditation Council on Optometric Education	Programmatic Accreditor
American Osteopathic Association, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	Programmatic Accreditor
American Podiatric Medical Association, Council on Podiatric Medical Education	Programmatic Accreditor
American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	Programmatic Accreditor
American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education	Programmatic Accreditor

Current Agencies	Agency Type
Association for Biblical Higher Education, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission	Programmatic Accreditor
Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Association of Institutions of Jewish Studies	Institutional Accreditor
Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools	Programmatic Accreditor
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	Programmatic Accreditor
Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
Council on Education for Public Health	Programmatic Accreditor
* Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Council on Occupational Education	Institutional Accreditor

Current Agencies	Agency Type
Distance Education Accrediting Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Higher Learning Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	Programmatic Accreditor
Kansas State Board of Nursing	Programmatic Accreditor
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Maryland Board of Nursing	Programmatic Accreditor
Middle States Commission on Higher Education	Institutional Accreditor
Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools	Institutional Accreditor
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	Programmatic Accreditor
Missouri State Board of Nursing	Programmatic Accreditor
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	Programmatic Accreditor
National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc.	Programmatic Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor

Current Agencies	Agency Type
National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation	Institutional Accreditor
New England Commission of Higher Education	Institutional Accreditor
New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions (Nursing Education)	Programmatic Accreditor
New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions (Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, Practical Nursing)	Institutional Accreditor
New York State Board of Regents, and the Commissioner of Education	Institutional Accreditor
North Dakota Board of Nursing	Programmatic Accreditor
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	Institutional Accreditor
Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education	Institutional Accreditor
Pennsylvania State Board of Career and Technical Education, Bureau of Career and Technical Education	Institutional Accreditor
Puerto Rico State Agency for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational, Technical Institutions and Programs	Institutional Accreditor
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges	Institutional Accreditor

Current Agencies**Agency Type**

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accreditation Commission	Institutional Accreditor
WASC Senior College and University Commission	Institutional Accreditor
Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges	Institutional Accreditor

Former Agencies**Agency Type**

American Academy for Liberal Education	Programmatic Accreditor
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	Programmatic Accreditor
Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	Programmatic Accreditor
Montana State Board of Nursing	Programmatic Accreditor
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, Council on Accreditation	Programmatic Accreditor
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	Programmatic Accreditor
New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Technical and Career Institutions	Institutional Accreditor

Former Agencies**Agency Type**

North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, Board of Trustees	Institutional Accreditor
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education	Institutional Accreditor
Teacher Education Accreditation Council, Accreditation Committee	Programmatic Accreditor
Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools	Institutional Accreditor

Indicates a programmatic accreditor that is recognized for the accreditation of freestanding, single purpose institutions in addition to the accreditation of specialized programs at larger institutions.



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American Naturopathic Medical Association

Definition of Naturopathy

Naturopathy or naturopathic medicine is a natural health care profession, emphasizing prevention, support, and optimal health through the use of all natural, non-invasive therapies and natural substances that encourage an individuals' inherent self-healing process. Naturopathy recognizes the body's self healing abilities. The human body has the inherent ability to recover from the constant assaults by the environment, lifestyle, and improper or bad dietary habits. Taking into account an individuals' physical, mental, emotional, genetic, environmental, social, spirituality and other factors naturopathy encourages healthy choices and the elimination of underlying causes of illness. Clients are encouraged to take charge of their own well being. Naturopathy or naturopathic medicine never includes minor surgery or prescription drugs. Instead clients are advised to seek out properly trained professionals that provide such services. Naturopathy does not cure disease. Instead naturopathy supports the body while going through traditional medical treatment programs that may over stress the body.

Doctor of Naturopathy Definition- A learned individual. Teacher, Restorer, Repairer, Rejuvenator. One skilled or specializing in health arts.

Since 1981, ANMA is dedicated to protect your right to practice as a Naturopath. ANMA believes, as the majority of practitioners believe, that Naturopathy is strictly noninvasive Natural Health Care Therapy and does not involve prescriptions, surgery, medical procedures or the claims to cure diseases.

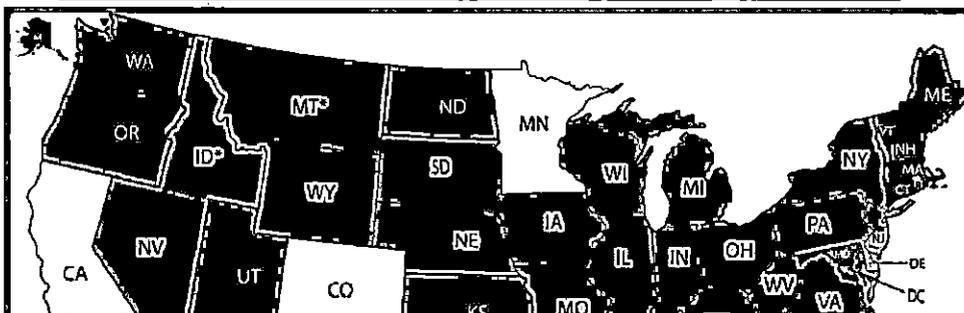
We recommend you become familiar with your State Representatives. Connect by phone, email, social media and in person. Attend local events to meet your Representatives. Be ready for quick action to become involved at crucial legislation times. Discriminating legislation could deny you the right to practice as Naturopath.

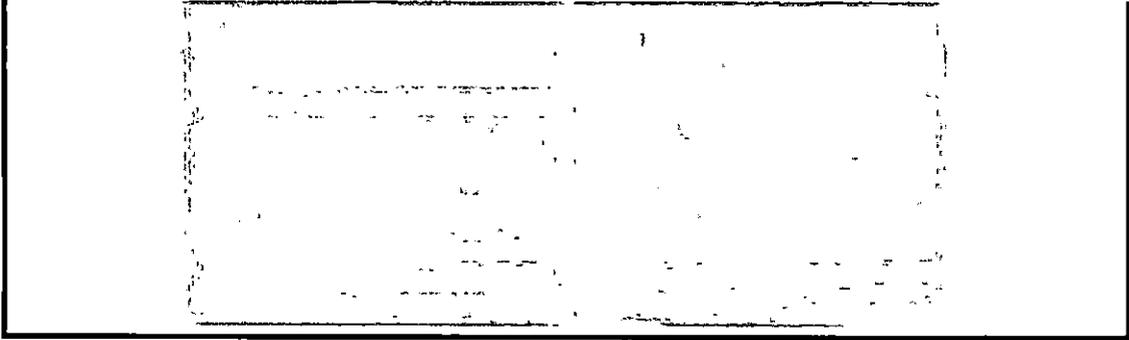
**Your Actions are needed to protect Your Right to Practice!
Start up in your state to protect naturopathy!**

Please contact us for sample letters and talking points, and more details for contacting your Representatives, and State Legislatures. Below highlights the Naturopathic Laws in the US.

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Naturopathic State Laws





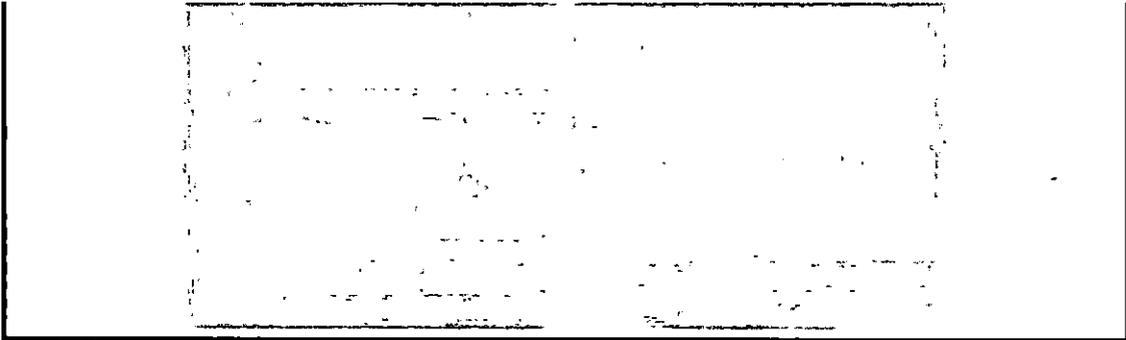
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The American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board (ANMCB) is the national certifying agency for natural health care throughout the United States. Registered with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs in Washington, D.C. ANMCB offers certification by examination, or recognition according to education and experience deemed equivalent.

ANMCB ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **Board Certified Naturopathic Physician, BCNP**
- **Board Certified Doctor of Integrative Medicine, BCDIM**

Applicants qualified to be designated as these Board Certified titles must meet the following requirements at the time of submitting the application.

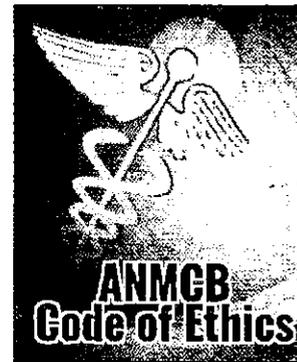
1. Graduation from an accredited medical program approved by the Board
2. Hold a Current State Medical License
3. Submission of application, official transcripts and medical license
4. Passing the required ANMCB examination administered by the Board

- **Board Certified Naturopathic Doctor, BCND**
- **Board Certified Naturopath, BCN**
- **Board Certified Traditional Naturopath, BCTN**
- **Board Certified Doctor of Natural Medicine, BCDNM**
- **Board Certified Doctor of Holistic Health, BCDHH**
- **Board Certified Holistic Health Practitioner, BCHHP**
- **Board Certified Nutritional Consultant, BCNC**
- **Board Certified Master Herbalist, BCMH**

Applicants qualified to be designated in these Board Certified Titles must meet the following requirements at the time of submitting the application.

1. Graduation from an accredited program approved by the Board
2. Submission of application and official transcripts
3. Passing the required ANMCB Examination administered by the Board

- **Board Certified Health Coach, BCHC**
- **Board Certified Natural Health Practitioner, BCNHP**



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- Board Certified Aromatherapist, BCA
- Board Certified Master Iridologist, BCMI
- Board Certified Holistic Fitness Specialist, BCHFS
- Board Certified Flower Essence Therapist, BCFET

Applicants qualified to be designated in these Board Certified Titles must meet the following requirements at the time of submitting the application.

1. Submission of application and official transcript
2. Graduation from an accredited program approved by the Board
3. ANMCB Examination may be required to be administered by the Board

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION

- Board Certified Quantum Medicine Practitioner, BCQMP
- Board Certified Quorum Nutritionist, BCQN

Applicants qualified to be designated as these Specialty Certification must meet the following requirements:

1. Professional Recommendation,
2. Passing of the required Examination,
3. Submission of application and official transcripts.

Please complete the ANMCB Application and select the certification title. Submit requested documents, two letters of reference, along with payment Exam date. To maintain the Board Certification you must renew annually continuing education units and the renewal fee.



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BOARD CERTIFICATION RENEWAL INFO

By becoming and maintaining your certification year after year you are demonstrating that you are to learn and grow. Staying current with ANMCB is easy. ANMCB does not designate how or frequency of education only the education is healthcare related.

The ANMCB requires Board Certified professionals to renew each year. You are required to complete and submit documentation along with a \$150.00 renewal fee in order to keep certification current and effective in natural health care. The Board will accept 20 CEUs from Natural Health Courses, Seminars, Training Programs, Internship, and Research. Please contact us if you any questions.

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 (/users.neo.registeredsite.com/1/1/2/14262211/assets/2019_anmc_b_renewal_form.pdf) . The Board of ANMCB has approved Continuing Education Programs available for your sections: ANMCB's List of Approved Continuing Education Programs (anmc_b-ceu-programs.html) .

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I will

- First do no harm. *Primum no nocere;*
- Practice the healing power of nature. *Vis medicatrix naturae;*
- Identify and treat the cause. *Tolle causam;*
- Treat the whole person. The multifactorial nature of health and disease;
- Practice prevention. Prevention is the best "cure";
- Not discriminate against clients or professionals based on race, religion, age, sex, handicaps, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic conditions;
- Will become aware of and abide by any, and all state and local regulations as laws vary from one state to another;
- I do not diagnose illness, prescribe drugs or perform surgery;
- Promise not to exceed my scope of practice, either in abilities or by law;
- Promise to fulfill the necessary education on a continuing basis in order to advance my knowledge and skills as a natural health care provider;
- Strive to be objective in the treatments of clients and performance of duties, recognizing the rights of all persons, and my limitations;
- Distinguish clearly, between my statements and actions as an individual and as a representative of Natural Healthcare;
- Encourage policy, procedures and personal practices which will enable others to conduct themselves in accordance with the values, goals and objectives of the American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board;
- Provide full disclosure regarding the scope of my practice and my training and experience to clients;

Keep all information about my clients in strictest confidence, and shall only divulge such information when required by law or when authorized by the client;

- Perform in a professional manner with proper respect for each client's dignity; I will not engage in inappropriate relationships or behavior with clients;
- Display current ANMCB Certificates and this Code of Ethics in a prominent position in the premises within easy viewing of the client;
- Constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession.

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OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

IBEM designed the curriculum to provide the expertise and knowledge needed for the natural healing career. We have included over 50 modalities in the natural medicine doctor and bioenergetic doctor programs. Studies include healing therapies of the Asian-Indian, Chinese, European, North and South America Indian, US American Indian spiritualism, and other cultures and sciences. We are committed to exploring new equipment, vendors, healthcare developments, treatments and laws in the medical and natural medicine field to enhance student experience and knowledge. In addition to our Continuing Education Program, IBEM has hosted special tutorial workshops to help students prepare for their exams. We continually strive to be the most comprehensive, all natural medicine school.

For more information check out our programs by clicking on the program title on the left.

For pricing information on classes, please browse Tuition.
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OUR CLASSES

All coursework focuses on Natural Medicine therapies, disciplines and modalities directed toward and focused on re-establishing the body's natural balance. We teach American Indian healing as well as traditional Natural Medicine classes.

Our classes are available in our Centennial, Colorado office or by online through our Student-At-Distance Program. For more information please Contact Us.

OUR PROGRAMS

Click on the links below to learn more about each program:

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[Doctor of Natural Medicine \(DNM\)](#)

[Doctor of Bioenergetic Medicine \(BD\)](#)

[Doctor of Sacred Medicine \(DSM\)](#)



IBEM provides comprehensive coursework, laboratory and practicums to fully prepare their students to practice Natural Medicine. Classes include: Addiction, Alchemy, American Indian Medicine and Spirituality, Auricular Therapy, Aromatherapy, Ayurvedic, Biochemistry, Bioelectric Therapy, Bioenergetics, Biofeedback, Biomeridian, Ethics, Electro Dermal Testing and Treatment, Herbal medicine, Holistic Anatomy and Physiology, Homeopathy, Iridiology, Magnetic Therapy, Neurology, Nutrition, Organic Chemistry, Pan American Indian Medicine, Pathophysiology, Qi Gong, Rydoraku, Scanning, Somatic Therapy, Spagyric Therapy, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), Voll, World Wide Indigenous Medicine and others.

IBEM is now the exclusive distributor of the IBEM Medicine Wheel, an integrated Traditional Biofeedback system.

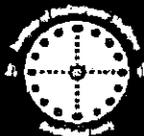
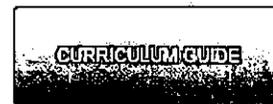
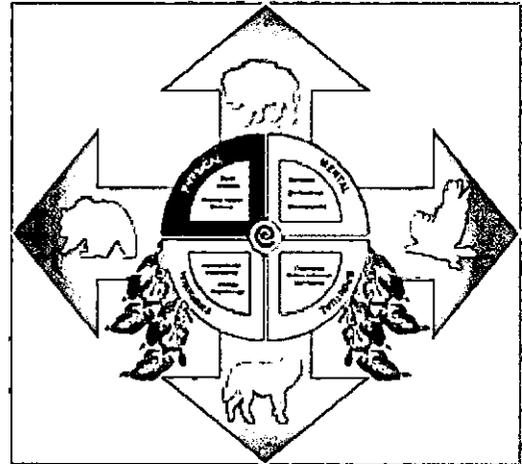
CURRICULUM SUMMARY

As the first Bioenergetic doctorate program in North America, the Institute of BioEnergetic Medicine (IBEM) proudly offers natural medicine certification level or diploma training classes for:

- Auricular Program (certificate)
- Biofeedback Program (certificate)
- Doctor of Natural Medicine (DNM)
- Doctor of Bioenergetic Medicine (BD)
- Doctor of Sacred Medicine (DSM)

Training for the IBEM doctorate degree program runs concurrently for thirty six months earning our seminary students the three doctorate degrees: DNM, BD and DSM.

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Studio Z Dental. Boulder County's premier holistic dental office.

At Studio Z Dental, we value our referral partners and trusted health professionals. We know it is necessary to have a team approach in helping our patients achieve optimal health. We value those who go above and beyond the standard of care, which is why we are reaching out to you as a referral partner.

This is a community newsletter on how we can all help one another. We are all coming from a holistic point of view. Your patients value your work because it's natural and focuses on the foundation of health for their whole being. We have the same philosophy.

Patients look to us, as doctors, for excellent holistic care referrals. When you can pass along a high quality referral, it helps patients have even more trust in you.

I'm the owner of Studio Z Dental, Tom Zvoloski. Together, we can support the health of our patients in an even bigger way. I'd like to connect with you to discuss what we each offer and about being referral partners. Contact Wendy, 303-802-4313, to set up a 15 minute meeting, at your office, on a Wednesday afternoon or a Friday.

We want to stay in regular connection about what we offer and how it is helpful for your clients/patients. We'd also love to keep up with what is important for us to know about in terms of what you offer and how it helps the overall health of our patients. Please send along your newsletter as well, if you have one. Email Wendy: wendy@studiozdental.com and she will pass it along to our team.

A little more about us at Studio Z Dental:

How do you know your patients will be getting the best dental care?

You will find our technology and methods are top of the line. We take it very seriously. We are one of the most progressive dental offices in the Boulder County area and entire Front Range. Highlights of our specialties that set us apart:

- Advanced ozone techniques
- Biocompatibility testing
- Safe mercury/amalgam filling removal
- All dentists are IAOMT Smart Certified
- Now offering 3D Cone Beam Scanning Technology in house

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How can you know we are truly holistic?

We care about the health of the entire system of our patients and our planet. We are gold level certified in Eco Dentistry. In addition, our dentists have many certifications and additional training in the latest holistic dental treatments and products.

From my commitment to health, I am accredited by the IAOMT, and a Board Certified Naturopath *AND* Board Certified in Integrative Biologic Dental Medicine. While I don't see patients as a naturopath, only as a dentist, I completed this schooling to understand the body and health on a much deeper level.

Please check out our website to get an even better understanding of what we offer for the highest level of health and quality for our patients. www.studiozdental.com

Please see our attached blog "Traditional Dentist vs Holistic Dentist", which can also be found on our website at www.studiozdental.com

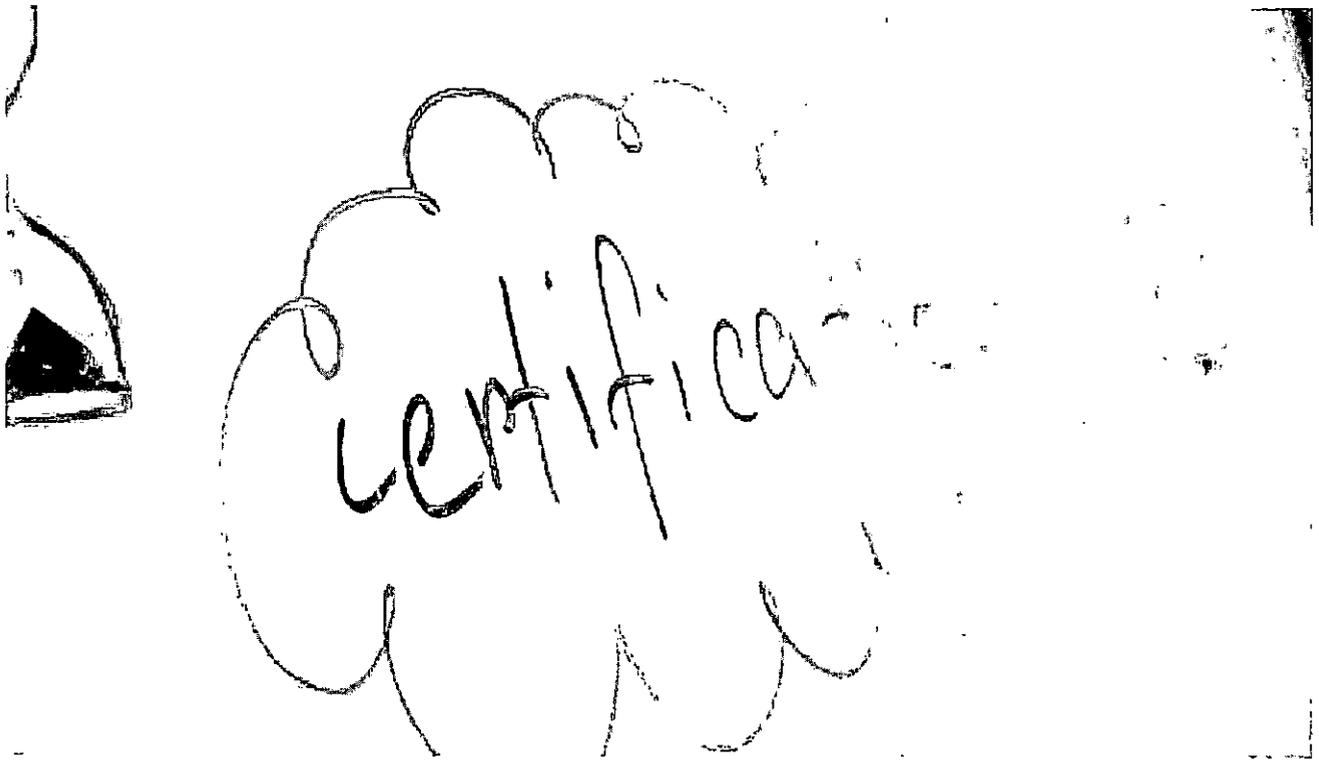
We are also including the Website link to "Root Cause Documentary, 2018", as many patients who see a naturopath or are interested in how root canals may affect their health, have asked us about this documentary. You will find this very interesting. www.bitcute.com In the search bar type: Root Cause Documentary 2018

Additionally, our office manager Wendy is a wealth of knowledge, please contact her any time to ask questions on how we work with patients and how we can benefit your patients/clients. Wendy is at 303-802-4313. Also contact her to set up a 15 minute meeting with me, at your office, on a Wednesday afternoon or a Friday. If you are too busy to schedule a meeting with me, please feel free to call Wendy with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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NPLEX: What Board Certification Actually Means

By Editor Posted January 9, 2020 In Gastrointestinal, Toxicology

Practice Building

Joy Stevens, ND, JD, PE

Congratulations! You passed NPLEX. No, you are not board-certified.

NPLEX Exam

The Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination ("NPLEX") is a 2-part examination, the purpose of which is to ensure a licensure candidate ("candidate") is minimally competent in his or her medical knowledge to safely practice naturopathic medicine.

Part I of the exam covers the basic sciences of anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, immunology, and pathology. It is a 5-hour exam, consisting of 200 questions, that is completed in two 2 ½-hour sessions – 1 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon.

Part II is the case-based clinical science exam, covering all areas of diagnosis, materia medica of botanical medicine and homeopathy, nutrition, physical medicine, health psychology, research, and medical interventions including emergency medicine, medical procedures, public health, and pharmacology. This 10 ½-hour exam, which consists of approximately 80 cases with 400 integrated questions, is given in 3 sessions over the course of 3 days.

Part II also has three 1 ½-hour clinical elective exams required by some licensing jurisdictions. However, any candidate may choose to take some or all of these exams. Two are case-based (acupuncture and minor surgery, each having 15-20 clinical summaries, with multiple questions for each summary), and the third is a 75-question pharmacology exam.

Passing these NPLEX exams is 1 step towards licensure, but is not a guarantee of license receipt.

Licensing

Similar to NPLEX, licensing is a process that shows that a physician has achieved minimum competency to practice medicine.

Licensing qualifications are determined by each jurisdiction (ie, state or province). With 1 exception, mentioned below, all licensing jurisdictions recognize the NPLEX exams and require passage of both parts as the first step of their licensing process.

A jurisdiction may choose to offer its own version of NPLEX. In fact, this is currently happening in the province of Ontario, Canada. To become licensed in Ontario, applicants are required to take the Ontario Clinical Sciences exam rather than NPLEX Part II. Applicants are still required to take NPLEX Part I until November 15, 2020, after which they will be required to take the Ontario Biomedical Sciences exam. For maximum licensing flexibility, applicants who may want to practice outside of the province are advised to take both the Ontario exams and the NPLEX exams.

A jurisdiction's licensing application lays out the remainder of the requirements for licensure. Some jurisdictions require a jurisprudence exam that focuses on the legislation, regulations, and standards of practice for the jurisdiction. Some require practical clinical exams. All require some degree of background checks.

Board Certification

It is unfortunate that NPLEX exams are referred to as “boards” or “board exams,” as this has led many to mistakenly believe that passing NPLEX exams means they are board-certified. They are not.

Once licensed, a naturopathic physician may commit to undertake additional training in a particular area to become board-certified. Board certification shows that a physician has achieved expertise in a specialty area of medicine.

Currently, the following board certifications are offered. The list may not be all-inclusive:

- DHANP – Diplomate of the Homeopathic Academy of Naturopathic Physicians
- FABNO – Fellow of the American Board of Naturopathic Oncology
- FABNP – Fellow to the American Board of Naturopathic Pediatrics
- BCIA – Biofeedback Certification

It is important to note there is no national organization overseeing naturopathic board certifications as there are with osteopathic and allopathic boards. Anyone can create a course, develop a test, and offer “board certification” in a particular area, with no third-party oversight or established standards. This is not a statement on the quality of the current board certifications, only a comment on the process.

Terms Matter

Why is it important for naturopathic physicians to use the term “board-certified” correctly? Claiming to be board-certified when only having a license to practice naturopathic medicine is making a false claim. Making a false claim could subject the physician to liability. Imagine sitting in court and listening to your patient’s attorney make the following statement:

“Members of the jury, Dr ___ stated she was board-certified, and my patient, who as you know was grievously harmed, understood board certification to mean the physician had undergone additional training and had achieved expertise. My client relied upon this assertion to his detriment.”

It is also unprofessional and an embarrassment to the physician as an individual, and to all naturopathic physicians as a profession, when this term is used incorrectly.

After Receiving Your License

Once you receive your license, become active in your state association.

As mentioned, each jurisdiction sets the parameters under which a physician can practice medicine. Because jurisdictions are free to legislate and enact whatever laws those currently holding elected office decide, laws are fluid and subject to change with each legislative session.

It is the state associations that watch and work to ensure that the scope of practice does not suddenly and unexpectedly change with the whims of the legislature. For example, in Montana during the 2019 legislative session, while considering an opioid reform bill to require additional physician reporting and utilization of the prescription drug registry, a completely unexpected amendment was made to remove ALL scheduled drugs from the naturopathic physician formulary. Fortunately, the Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians' lobbyist alerted the association, thus giving the association time to mount a strong opposition, with the ultimate outcome being the preservation of the formulary.

Imagine if a legislator proposed to abolish naturopathic medicine as a licensed profession in its entirety. It is possible, and if no one is watching, the outcome could be disastrous. When it comes to legislated rights, it is essential to remain vigilant and protect those rights so as not to lose them. This is best achieved by being active in and supporting your state association.

Again, congratulations on passing NPLEX. Best wishes on licensing. Just remember, avoid the term "board-certified" unless you have received additional training in an area for which board certification is offered.



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