

## Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Practitioners

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### **Course Criteria**

#### Guidelines to inform SANP Continuing Education Policy For Board to evaluate applications for continuing education credits

All applicants should be familiar with the SANP's Continuing Education Policy in addition to the criteria listed below.

An application for approval of CE credits must be submitted in writing to the Continuing Education (CE) committee. In the case of an application for a conference, it is advisable for the applicant to complete an application for CE credits for each individual presentation.

The Continuing Education committee will review applications for CE credits based on the following:

- Applications must be completed fully and accurately.
- Requested number of credits should not exceed actual hours of presentation.
- A maximum of 10 credits will be allowed for any seminar presenting on any one topic.
- Target audience must be regulated health care professionals.
- Full credits will be considered for seminars with Naturopathic content that is within the Scope of Practice for Naturopathic Doctors in Saskatchewan (taught in naturopathic colleges and examined by NPLEX).
- Partial credits will be considered for seminars containing information related to other modalities or treatments (not subject to examination by NPLEX). "Partial credit" will consist of half credit and may be revised at the discretion of the Board.
- Partial credits will be considered for company sponsored seminars. Although the Board recognizes the importance of corporate support in the ongoing education of its members, it also reserves the right to deny credit when significant portions of the aforementioned seminar are directed at promotion including guidelines for use of company-specific products, protocols or systems.

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- Content for all seminars will be accredited based on the following:
  - Relevance to Naturopathic Medicine
  - Indications and contra-indications
  - Research
- In addition to the foregoing, applications for specific modality credits, as defined in the CE policy, will be approved based on the proportion of the content focusing on the modality for which CE credits are being requested. Applications for specific modality credits should provide the Board with enough course material to determine eligibility for those credits.
- As of September 20, 2011 applications for courses in practice management and business development specific to naturopathic practice will be considered for CE credits. A maximum of three (3) general credits will be allowed in this category. The object of adding this category is to try to ensure continuity of care for patients; the Board believes that maintaining a viable naturopathic practice is essential to ongoing patient care.
- When considering applications in the category of writing and publishing a book on naturopathic medicine, full credits (maximum 5) will be considered for books that are directed towards regulated health professionals and partial credits for books and publications that are directed towards the public, creating public awareness.

Seminar must be conducted by a qualified individual or group. The committee will look for a presenter who:

- has professional experience
- has teaching experience
- can provide evidence of research
- has published articles
- is a respected representative of his/her profession
- is in good standing with his/her regulatory body, i.e. is not the subject of a disciplinary hearing with his/her regulatory body.

*Note:* For the purpose of this document, seminar may also mean class, lecture, conference, course or workshop.