

**Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Practitioners  
Policies and Procedures**

**Education Policy**  
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**Educational Requirements**

**Practitioners applying for registration shall have successfully completed and graduated from a college or university accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) or graduated from a college or university classed as candidates for accreditation by the CNME.**

Currently approved schools include:

1. Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (Toronto, Ontario)
2. Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (Vancouver, British Columbia)
3. National College of Naturopathic Medicine (Portland, Oregon)
4. Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine - Health Sciences (Scottsdale, Arizona)
5. Bastyr University (Seattle, Washington)
6. University of Bridgeport, College of Naturopathic Medicine (Bridgeport, Connecticut)
7. National University of Health Sciences (Lombard, Illinois)

**Exam Requirements**

Examinations requirement for acupuncture, minor surgery, homeopathy, differential diagnosis, botanical medicine, pharmacology, nutrition laboratory diagnosis and diagnostic imaging, physical medicine and orthopedics, psychology are met by the Naturopathic Practitioner Licensing Exams (NPLEX).

Examination requirements for registration application include the successful completion of the Naturopathic Practitioner Licensing Examinations (NPLEX):

- the NPLEX Part I Basic Science Examinations, and
- the NPLEX Core Clinical Science Integrated Examination or NPLEX Part II Clinical Science Examination and add-on homeopathy;

as administered by North American Board on Naturopathic Education (NABNE), in addition to the successful completion of practical examinations in the areas of:

- Manipulation
- Physical Clinic Diagnostic Skills/ Instrumentation
- Acupuncture (should the individual candidate wish to practice acupuncture)

As established and administered by the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia (CNPBC) OR the Board of Directors of Drugless Therapy- Naturopathy (BDDT-

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And

- Saskatchewan Jurisprudence Examination

As established and administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Practitioners (SANP).

### ***Grandparent Rule***

Any Member who was registered prior to January 1, 2000 in another regulated jurisdiction, perhaps under a different regulatory regime, may not meet the requirements of schools and examinations as outlined above. It is recognized that these individuals are, through ongoing regulatory measures, qualified naturopathic doctors and eligible for membership in the SANP.

#### Acupuncture

Minimum requirements include:

A: Completion of two hundred (200) hour Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Acupuncture program approved by the council,

AND

B: Successful completion of the NPLEX examination in acupuncture

AND

C: Successful completion of a provincial practical examination in acupuncture

#### *Re-Certification*

Practitioners who have not yet fulfilled the above two requirements and intending to practice acupuncture must complete a SANP approved post graduate program in acupuncture

#### Colon Hydrotherapy

Minimum requirements include:

A: Proficiency in colon hydrotherapy technique and sanitation procedures specific for colon hydrotherapy,

AND

B: Course completion with exam as supplied by I-ACT (foundation level course) or equivalent courses that teach I-ACT materials with council approval.

*Re-Certification*

Practitioner: Every 3 years by the council. This shall include re-examination and a review of approved continuing education

Facility: Every 3 years by the council. This may include site inspection of the chamber, its housing, records of confirmation to the standards set by the committee, clinical records of the practice of hyperbaric medicine, and credentials of personnel.

Hyperbaric Therapy Education

Minimum requirements include:

A: Education – completion of a 40 hours course approved by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society. The written and oral examination in hyperbaric medicine must be completed to the satisfaction of the council.

*Note:* administration of high dose oxygen at pressure is to be practiced as full life-support of a critical function. Hyperbaric qualified practitioners must examine each patient for fitness for therapy, assess medical contraindications, inform each patient or their agent of the risks/benefits of the therapy, and obtain consent for therapy. Attendance of the patient by a hyperbaric qualified practitioner is mandatory at all times during hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Barotrauma and emergency procedures may require medical consultation or evacuation to critical care facilities.

AND

B: Facilities – Any facility housing a hyperbaric oxygen chamber shall meet the National Fire Protection Association codes for healthcare facilities NFPA 1999, and all applicable Chapter section codes for hyperbaric installation. Fire and electrical inspection and approval by local authorities is mandatory. The hyperbaric chamber must meet Lloyd's standards for Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy. It must be fit for use, properly installed to manufacturer's specifications, commissioned by qualified personnel, and maintained to the specifications of the manufacturer.

*Note:* The Council must inspect any hyperbaric facility it may approve for adherence to safety codes and practices, and shall inspect logs and records for proper practices, informed consent, maintenance, and credentials of personnel.