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RE: NCNM-U POLICY FOR ACCEPTING GRADUATES FROM OTHER DN PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THEM IN EARNING A LICENSE IN ILLINOIS

The goal of this policy is to assist graduates from other than the NCNM University (NCNM-U) to become eligible to take the State of Illinois License Exam in order to become a licensed Naprapathic Doctor in the State of Illinois. This shall be accomplished, in most cases, by accepting graduates of other programs as specified in this policy as NCNM-U students. Our first step is for NCNM-U to recognize (partially or fully) other programs and schools that grant the DN degree. The function of recognition shall eventually be transferred to the Accreditation Council for Naprapathic Education (ACNE). ACNE shall in time be able to provide to these programs and schools the highest level of recognition which is accreditation.

As for graduates of Southwest University of Naprapathic Medicine (SUNM), the current Illinois Naprapathic Practice Act that became law on 1 January 2023, allows a graduate of a school of naprapathy that has either regional or national accreditation to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam. Since SUNM has become fully accredited in 2021 by a national accreditor, Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), SUNM graduates may directly apply to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam as currently administered by Continental Testing Services. Since there is no legal need for SUNM graduates to be accepted as students at NCNM-U, NCNM-U is pleased to confer "full recognition" on SUNM. As a result, SUNM graduates:

- A) May take the NCNM-U License Preparation class at the NCNM-U student rate.
- B) May apply to join the NCNM-U Alumni Association as an associate member and may participate in all NCNM-U Alumni Association activities.
- C) May apply to join ANA
- D) May apply to join INA

As for graduates of Scandinavian College of Naprapathic Manual Medicine (Sweden) and South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences (Finland), these students may apply to NCNM-U at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students at the Intern level. Their requirements will be to take: the "NCNM-U Comprehensive Clinical Entrance Exam," the required Clinic Preparation Class, work six months in the NCNM-U Clinic as an intern. While an intern, they will take the required "Intern Seminar Class" that meets weekly while they are enrolled as interns. Their requirements as an intern will be reduced to 50% of NCNM-U interns; therefore, two terms instead of four terms, 500 total clinic hours instead of 1000 total clinic hours, 175 treatments instead of 350 treatments and 25 nutritional evaluations instead of 50 nutritional evaluations. Upon successful completion of these requirements, these students are eligible to fully participate in the NCNM-U Commencement Ceremony and receive the DN degree from NCNM-U. Upon graduation, they are eligible to all rights and privileges as a NCNM-U graduate such as but not limited to:

- A) May take the NCNM-U License Preparation Class
- B) May apply to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam as currently administered by Continental Testing Services as a NCNM-U graduate.
- C) May apply to join the NCNM-U Alumni Association
- D) May apply to join the ANA
- E) May apply to join the INA

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As for graduates of National University of Medical Sciences (NUMSS), located in Florida but also in Spain (NUMS), these students may apply to NCNM-U at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students at the Intern level. Their requirements will be to take: the "NCNM-U Comprehensive Clinical Entrance Exam," the required "Clinic Preparation Class," and complete the internship as required of NCNM-U students. While an intern, they will take the required "intern Seminar Class" that meets weekly. Upon successful completion of these requirements, these students are eligible to fully participate in the NCNM-U Commencement Ceremony and receive the DN degree from NCNM-U. Upon graduation, they are eligible to all rights and privileges as a NCNM-U graduate such as but not limited to:

- A) May take the NCNM-U License Preparation Class
- B) May apply to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam as currently administered by Continental Testing Services as a NCNM-U graduate.
- C) May apply to join the NCNM-U Alumni Association
- D) May apply to join ANA
- E) May apply to join INA

As for other schools such as Blue Heron Academy (Michigan), further investigation is required since Blue Heron now has at least nine programs. These programs include: Medical Massage Therapy, Personal Fitness Training, Holistic Health Care, Herbal Medicine, Clinical Nutrition, Practical Acupuncture, Naturopathy, Yoga Teacher Training, Phlebotomy Technician. Graduates of certain programs shall have a higher level of advanced standing such as graduates of the Naturopathy program. Herbal Medicine and Clinical Nutrition graduates may be in a position to waive our nutrition course requirements. Personal Fitness Training graduates will have the same standing as other Personal Fitness Training graduates. A future attachment to this policy shall provide specific guidance to graduates of the various Blue Heron Academy programs.

As for graduates of Canadian College of Osteopathy (Toronto, ON, Canada), students who have earned the DOMP may apply to NCNM-U at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students the same as graduates of American Osteopathic Medical schools (DO), Allopathic Medical Schools (MD), or Physical Therapy schools or programs that award the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). These students shall be waived of all basic medical science requirements. They will still need to take Naprapathic Science Courses, History and Philosophy of Naprapathy and complete all Internship requirements.

As for graduates of National Academy of Osteopathy (North York, ON, Canada), students who have earned the DOMP may apply to NCNM-U at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students the same as graduates of American Osteopathic Medical schools (DO), Allopathic Medical Schools (MD), or Physical Therapy schools or programs that award the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). These students shall be waived of all basic science requirements. They will still need to take Naprapathic Science Courses, History and Philosophy of Naprapathy and complete all internship requirements.

As for graduates of Canadian Academy of Osteopathy (Hamilton, ON, Canada), students who have earned the MOMSc may apply to NCNM-U at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students the same as graduates of American Osteopathic Medical schools (DO), Allopathic medical schools (MD), or Physical Therapy schools or programs that award the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). These students shall be waived of all basic science requirements. They still will need to take Naprapathic Science Courses, History and Philosophy of Naprapathy and complete all internship requirements.

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