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# NCNM University

3330 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
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## HISTORY, MISSION & VISION

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### Mission Statement

NCNM University's mission is to train in physical medicine and applied health sciences creating doctors and other practitioners to practice in allied healthcare.

### Expanded Mission Statement

NCNM University (NCNMU) offers instruction of the DN program using specialized connective tissue manipulation according to the Oakley Smith Naprapathic Method®, integrating the basic human sciences with the unique art of manual medicine, and to teach essential adjunctive protocols for Naprapathic evaluation and treatment, nutritional counseling, principles of rehabilitation, therapeutic exercise, and application of physical modalities. NCNM University also offers additional instruction in a variety of certification programs and continuing education programs to expand professional competencies in the area of practice management, connective tissue manipulation, therapeutic and rehabilitative exercise, postural counseling, nutritional counseling, and use of modalities such as: massage, heat, cold, light, water, radiant energy, electricity, sound and air, and assistive devices for the purpose of preventing, correcting and alleviating physical ailments and disabilities.

### About NCNM UNIVERSITY (NCNMU)

NCNM University is chartered by the State of Illinois and recognized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to grant the degree, Doctor of Naprapathy (D.N.), and to offer certifications and postgraduate continuing education. The Doctor of Naprapathy program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Graduates of the institution are eligible to take the Illinois Written Clinical Competency Examination to become a licensed Doctor of Naprapathy. The doctoral license is similar to the limited doctoral licenses that are granted to Optometrists, Podiatrists, and Dentists.

The first school was chartered in 1908 in Chicago, Illinois and was named "Oakley Smith School of Naprapathy," becoming the Chicago College of Naprapathy in 1912. Another school, the National College of Naprapathy, was founded in Chicago in 1949. The two schools combined in 1971 to form the Chicago National College of Naprapathy, then to form the National College of Naprapathic Medicine and exist today as NCNM University.

Certification programs such as Naprapathic Assistant, Massage Therapy, Personal Trainer, Athletic Trainer and MicroVascular professional certification offered by the institution range from 12-36 weeks for full completion. The pre-naprapathy program taking 1 full year to complete. The pre-naprapathy program prepares committed students of naprapathic medicine to the Naprapathic doctoral degree. The Doctor of Naprapathy (DN) program is a full-time, four-year program. Students take four or five classes per semester for the first three years. Upon successful completion of the coursework, students sit for the NCNMU Comprehensive Clinic Entrance Examination (CCEE). After successful passing of the CCEE students will serve a 12-month clinical internship allowing them to apply their knowledge, professional skill, and therapeutic techniques on patients in a supervised clinic setting.

Sincerely,

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