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RE: NCNMU 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 NCNM University (NCNMU) to become eligible to take the State of Illinois License Exam in order to become a licensed Doctor of Naprapathy (DN) in the State of Illinois. This shall be accomplished, in most cases, by accepting graduates of other programs as specified in this policy as NCNMU students. Our first step is for NCNMU to recognize (fully or partially) 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 the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation. NCNMU is proud to grant 'full recognition' to SUNM and its graduates upon receipt of an official transcript verifying graduation. As a result, SUNM graduates:

- May take the ICBR 800: Illinois Competency Board Review
- May apply to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam as currently administered by Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation
- May apply to join the NCNMU Alumni Association
- May apply to join the American Naprapathic Association (ANA)
- May apply to join the Illinois Naprapathic Association (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 NCNMU at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students at the Intern level. However, these students will be required to complete

- HPEJ 500: Naprapathic History, Philosophy, Ethics & Jurisprudence
- NCSA 600: Naprapathic Chartology & Spinal Anatomy
- NPTC 601: Naprapathic Technique-I
- NPTC 602: Naprapathic Technique-II
- PHRM 601: Pharmacology-I
- PHRM 602: Pharmacology-II
- PHRM 701: Drug, Herb & Nutrient Relationships-I
- PHRM 702: Drug, Herb & Nutrient Relationships II

However, these students will also be offered advanced credit upon successful completion of the NCNMU Comprehensive Clinical Entrance Exam (Parts I, II, & III), the required Clinical Preparation Course, and at least two terms (or approximately six months) as an intern in the NCNMU Clinic. While an intern, they will take the required Intern Seminar Courses to include:

- NPTC 701: Naprapathic Therapeutics-I
- NPTC 702: Naprapathic Therapeutics-II

Recognizing that these students have previous clinical experience, their requirements as an intern will be reduced to 50% of regular NCNMU 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 NCNMU Commencement Ceremony and receive the DN degree from NCNMU. Upon graduation, these graduates are eligible to all rights and privileges as a NCNMU graduate such as but not limited to:

- May take ICBR 800: Illinois Competency Board Review
- May apply to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam as currently administered by Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation as a NCNMU graduate
- May apply to join the NCNMU Alumni Association
- May apply to join American Naprapathic Association (ANA)
- May apply to join Illinois Naprapathic Association (INA)

As for graduates of National University of Medical Sciences (NUMSS), located in Florida but also in Spain (NUMS), these students may apply to NCNMU at the established application fee and be accepted as advanced students. However; these students will be required to complete

- HPEJ 500: Naprapathic History, Philosophy, Ethics & Jurisprudence
- NCSA 600: Naprapathic Chartology & Spinal Anatomy
- NPTC 601: Naprapathic Technique-I
- NPTC 602: Naprapathic Technique-II
- NPTC 701: Naprapathic Therapeutics-I
- NPTC 702: Naprapathic Therapeutics-II

The following courses may be offered advanced credit upon successful completion of qualifying examinations:

- PHRM 601: Pharmacology-I
- PHRM 602: Pharmacology-II
- PHRM 701: Drug, Herb & Nutrient Relationships-I
- PHRM 702: Drug, Herb & Nutrient Relationships
- CTDY 601: Connective Tissue Dynamics-I
- CTDY 602: Connective Tissue Dynamics-II

Before entering the clinic as an intern, these students will be required to take: the "NCNMU Comprehensive Clinical Entrance Examination," the required "Clinic Preparation Course," and complete the internship as required of NCNMU students. While an intern, they will take the required "Intern Seminar Courses". Recognizing that these students have previous clinical experience, their requirements as an intern will be reduced to 50% of regular NCNMU 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 NCNMU Commencement Ceremony and receive the DN degree from NCNMU.

Upon graduation, these graduates are eligible to all rights and privileges as a NCNMU graduate such as but not limited to:

- May take ICBR 800: Illinois Competency Board Review
- May apply to take the Illinois Naprapathic License Exam as currently administered by Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation as a NCNMU graduate.
- May apply to join the NCNMU Alumni Association
- May apply to join American Naprapathic Association (ANA)
- May apply to join Illinois Naprapathic Association (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, Ontario, Canada), students who have earned the DOMP may apply to NCNMU 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 many applied and integrative science (basic medical science) requirements. These students will still need to take HPEJ 500: Naprapathic History, Philosophy, Ethics & Jurisprudence, Naprapathic Science Courses and complete all Internship requirements.

As for graduates of National Academy of Osteopathy (North York, Ontario, Canada), students who have earned the DOMP may apply to NCNMU 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 many applied and integrative science (basic medical science) requirements. These students will still need to take HPEJ 500: Naprapathic History, Philosophy, Ethics & Jurisprudence, Naprapathic Science Courses 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 NCNMU 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 many applied and integrative science (basic medical science) requirements. These students still will need to take HPEJ 500: Naprapathic History, Philosophy, Ethics & Jurisprudence, Naprapathic Science Courses and complete all internship requirements.

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