

**CHAPTER 112-02-03
CONTINUING NATUROPATHIC EDUCATION**

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112-02-03-01. Requirements.

All active licensees shall complete:

1. A jurisprudence seminar sponsored by the board within twelve months after an initial license has been issued to practice naturopathy in North Dakota.
2. A minimum of forty hours of approved continuing naturopathic education (CNE) credits biennially. Only hours earned at board-approved continuing naturopathic education programs will be acceptable. One hour of credit is earned for every fifty minutes of approved continuing education.
3. Five of the forty hours of approved continuing naturopathic education credits must be topics on pharmacology.
4. An extension of time or other waiver to complete the hours required in this section shall be granted upon written application if the licensee failed to meet the requirements due to illness, military service, medical or religious missionary activity, or other extenuating circumstance.

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112-02-03-02. Exceptions.

The following naturopaths are not required to meet the requirements of this chapter:

1. Naturopaths who are enrolled in full-time graduate naturopathic medical education programs (residencies and fellowships).
2. Naturopaths who hold a provisional temporary license and naturopaths who have not renewed their licenses for the first time since being granted a regular permanent license by the board.
3. Naturopaths who have retired from the active practice of medicine. This exception is available only to retired naturopaths who have completely and totally withdrawn from the practice of naturopathic medicine. Any naturopath seeking to be excused from completing continuing naturopathic education requirements under this subsection must submit an affidavit to the board (on the board's form) certifying that the naturopath will render no naturopathic medical services during the term of the next continuing naturopathic education reporting period.

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112-02-03-03. Board approval.

1. In order to receive board approval, a continuing naturopathic education (CNE) program must meet one of the following:
 - a. A program sponsored by the board;
 - b. A program sponsored by an approved naturopathic medical school;
 - c. A health-related seminar sponsored by a college or university accredited by an organization recognized by the United States department of education;
 - d. A health-related seminar qualifying for continuing education credits through the state board of medical examiners, the state board of chiropractic examiners, or the state board of nursing; or
 - e. An educational program arranged by the North Dakota association of naturopathic doctors or the American association of naturopathic physicians or one of its affiliates and approved by the board.
2. In order to have a program approved, the sponsor shall submit to the board the following information in addition to any other information requested by the board:
 - a. A detailed course outline or syllabus, including such items as the method of instruction and the testing materials.
 - b. The qualifications and subjects taught by each instructor appearing in the program.
 - c. The procedure to be used for recording attendance of those attendees seeking to apply for continuing naturopathic education credit.
3. The board shall be the sole determinant of whether the courses are approved for continuing naturopathic education credit. The board shall make that determination based on the information submitted to it. In making its decision, the board shall determine whether the course submitted for credit meets the basic goals of continuing naturopathic education. Those basic goals include the growth of knowledge, the cultivation of skills and greater understanding, the continual striving for excellence in naturopathic care, and the improvement of health and welfare of the public.
4. Except for continuing naturopathic education credits for a program sponsored by the board, it is the responsibility of the licensee to verify the appropriate credit designation with the source of the program, not with the board. All licensees are encouraged to verify eligibility for continuing naturopathic credit and the appropriate credit designation before taking any particular course.

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112-02-03-04. Board audit.

Each biennium the board will audit randomly selected naturopaths to monitor compliance with the continuing education requirements. Any naturopath so audited will be required to furnish documentation of compliance, including the name of the accredited continuing naturopathic education provider, name of the program, hours of continuing education completed, dates of attendance, and verification of attendance. Any naturopath who fails to provide verification of compliance with the continuing naturopathic education requirements will be subject to revocation of licensure. In order to facilitate the

board's audits, every naturopath is required to maintain a record of all continuing naturopathic education activities in which the naturopath has participated. Every naturopath must maintain those records for a period of at least two years following the time when those continuing naturopathic education activities were reported to the board.

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112-02-03-05. Inactive status.

On or before December thirty-first of each odd-numbered year, licensees may elect to renew their licenses as inactive. The inactive status is at a reduced fee for those licensees who do not practice, consult, or provide any service relative to the naturopathic medical profession in the state. The inactive licensee does not have to provide proof of continuing naturopathic education hours. Any inactive licensee may activate the license at any time by paying an additional fee and showing proof of thirty hours of continuing naturopathic education in the preceding twenty-four months.

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