

**CHAPTER 50-06-03
CONTINUING NATUROPATHIC EDUCATION**

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50-06-03-01. Requirements.

All active licensees shall complete:

1. A minimum of forty hours of approved continuing naturopathic education (CNE) credits biennially. Only hours earned at board-approved continuing naturopathic education programs are acceptable. One hour of credit is earned for every fifty minutes of approved continuing education.
2. Five of the forty hours of approved continuing naturopathic education credits must be topics on pharmacology.
3. An extension of time or other waiver to complete the hours required in this section must 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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50-06-03-02. Exceptions.

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

1. A naturopath who is enrolled in a full-time graduate naturopathic medical education program (residency or fellowship).
2. A naturopath who holds a provisional temporary license or a naturopath who has not renewed the naturopath's licenses for the first time since being granted a regular permanent license by the board.
3. A naturopath who has retired from the active practice of medicine. This exception is available only to a retired naturopath who has completely and totally withdrawn from the practice of naturopathic medicine.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 shall submit an affidavit to the board, on the board's form, certifying that the naturopath may not render naturopathic medical services during the term of the next continuing naturopathic education reporting period.

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50-06-03-03. Board approval.

1. To receive board approval, a continuing naturopathic education (CNE) program must be 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. 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 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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50-06-03-04. Board audit.

Each biennium the board shall audit randomly selected naturopaths to monitor compliance with the continuing education requirements. Any naturopath so audited shall 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 is subject to revocation of licensure. 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 shall 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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