



PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Regarding the Granting of Initial Accreditation to the
Doctor of Naturopathy (ND) Program
Offered by the
National University of Health Sciences
Comments due by October 5, 2011

At its meeting scheduled for October 22, 2011, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)—a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting agency for doctor of naturopathy (ND) programs—will hold a hearing and make a decision on whether to grant initial accreditation to the ND program offered by the National University of Health Sciences (NUHS). Currently, NUHS's ND program has CNME candidacy status.

This notice invites written comments from state postsecondary education agencies; institutional and programmatic accrediting agencies; naturopathic licensing agencies; administrative staff, faculty, and students of colleges and programs affiliated with CNME; national, state and provincial associations of naturopathic physicians; and other organizations and individuals who wish to offer comments on NUHS's qualifications for initial accreditation of its ND program.

NUHS is a multipurpose university located in Lombard, Illinois. In order for its ND program to be eligible for initial accreditation, it must be in substantial compliance with CNME's current accreditation standards, policies and eligibility requirements, as published in CNME's *Handbook of Accreditation for Naturopathic Medicine Programs* (2007 edition) and as downloadable from the CNME website: www.cnme.org. (Please note that the CNME adopted a revised set of accreditation standards that took effect in 2011; these can be downloaded from the CNME website, but are not yet published in the handbook). Public comments on NUHS's qualifications for accreditation must reference the applicable accreditation standards, policies and eligibility requirements. Copies of the *Handbook of Accreditation* are available upon request, or may be found in the libraries or administrative offices of the colleges and programs affiliated with CNME. A PDF version is downloadable from the CNME website (www.cnme.org) and can also be provided by email upon request; as noted above, the accreditation standards currently in effect must be downloaded from the CNME website.

Written comments must include the name, position title (when applicable), and address of the person making the submission. The comments CNME receives are made available without attribution to NUHS's president upon request; however, CNME does not release them to any other third party.

CNME requests that comments be mailed, faxed or emailed to CNME by October 5, 2011.

Please direct questions and comments to Daniel Seitz, JD, EdD, Executive Director.

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