

Chapter Nat Med 3

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Nat Med 3.01 License not required. Pursuant to s. 466.02 (2), Stats., certain individuals are not required to obtain a license under this chapter to engage in practice or activities relating to naturopathic medicine.

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Nat Med 3.02 Licensure requirements. An applicant for licensure as a naturopathic doctor shall submit to the board all of the following:

(1) A complete application for the license on a form provided by the department including any information required by the board to determine an applicant's minimal competency to practice.

Note: Instructions for initial licensure applications can be found on the department of safety and professional services' website at <http://dps.wi.gov>.

(2) The fee specified in s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(3) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Stats., evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant does not have an arrest or a conviction record.

(4) Verified documentary evidence that the applicant has complied with at least one of the educational requirements specified in s. 466.04 (1) (d), Stats.

(5) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has satisfied the examination requirements under s. Nat Med 3.04.

(6) If required by the board, completion of an oral examination as specified in s. Nat Med 3.05.

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Nat Med 3.03 Reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members, and their spouses.

A reciprocal license to practice naturopathic medicine shall be granted to a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member who the board determines meets all of the requirements under s. 440.09 (2), Stats. Subject to s. 440.09 (2m), Stats., the board may request verification necessary to make a determination under this section.

Note: Instructions for applications can be found on the department of safety and professional services' website at <http://dps.wi.gov>.

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Nat Med 3.04 Examinations. (1) EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED. Each applicant for licensure under this chapter must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has passed all of the following:

(a) One of the following for the competency-based examination:

1. Part I Biomedical Science Examination and Part II Core Clinical Science Examination of the NPLEX.

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2. For graduates of approved naturopathic medical programs prior to the first administration of the NPLEX, a competency-based state naturopathic medicine licensing examination or equivalent Canadian provincial licensing examination for the practice of naturopathic medicine approved by the board.

3. For graduates of approved naturopathic medical programs prior to the creation of the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education, a competency-based state naturopathic medicine licensing examination or equivalent Canadian provincial licensing examination for the practice of naturopathic medicine approved by the board.

(b) Part II Core Clinical Science Examination of the NPLEX for the pharmacology examination.

(c) Except as specified in par. (d), a jurisprudence examination approved by the board. The passing score is 85 percent.

(d) For licenses issued prior to the effective date of the permanent rule, a signed statement by the applicant committing to satisfying the requirement under par. (c) before December 31, 2024.

(2) FAILURE AND REEXAMINATION. If an applicant has failed any of the examinations required under sub. (1) 4 or more times in this state or another licensing jurisdiction in the United States or Canada, the board may require the applicant to submit evidence satisfactory to the board of further professional training or education in examination areas in which the applicant had previously demonstrated deficiencies. If the evidence provided by the applicant is not satisfactory to the board, the board may require the applicant to obtain further professional training or education as the board deems necessary to establish the applicant's fitness to practice naturopathic medicine in this state. In order to determine any further professional training or education requirement, the board shall consider any information available relating to the quality of the applicant's previous practice, including the results of the applicant's performance on any oral examination required under s. Nat Med 3.05.

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Nat Med 3.05 Oral examination. (1) An applicant may be required to complete an oral examination if the applicant meets any of the following:

(a) Has a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits the applicant's ability to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

(b) Uses chemical substances so as to impair in any way the applicant's ability to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

(c) Has been disciplined or had licensure denied by a licensing or regulatory authority in this state or another jurisdiction.

(d) Has been found to have been negligent in the practice of naturopathic medicine or has been a party in a lawsuit in which it was alleged that the applicant had been negligent in the practice of naturopathic medicine.

(f) Has been diagnosed as suffering from pedophilia, exhibitionism, or voyeurism.

(g) Has engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances.

(h) Has been subject to adverse formal action during the course of naturopathic medicine education, postgraduate training, hospital practice, or other naturopathic medicine employment.

(i) Has not practiced naturopathic medicine for a period of 5 years or more prior to application unless the applicant has graduated from a school of naturopathic medicine within that period.

(j) Has failed any of the examinations required under s. [Nat Med 3.04 \(1\)](#) or [6.03 \(6\)](#) 4 times or more and the board has determined that further examination is required.

(2) The board will notify each applicant required to complete an oral examination of the time and place scheduled for that applicant's examination. Failure of an applicant to appear for an examination as scheduled may void that applicant's application and require the applicant to reapply for licensure unless prior scheduling arrangements have been made with the board by the applicant.

(3) An oral examination of an applicant is conducted by the board. The purpose of an oral exam is to evaluate the applicant's eligibility for a license.

(4) The passing grade for an oral examination under this section is 90 percent.

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Nat Med 3.06 Renewal. (1) REQUIREMENTS. A licensee shall renew their license as specified by s. [440.08 \(2\) \(a\)](#), Stats., and satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Submit a complete application for the license on a form

provided by the department including any information required by the board to determine an applicant's eligibility.

Note: Instructions for renewal applications can be found on the department of safety and professional services' website at <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

(b) Pay the required fee prior to the date specified in s. [440.08 \(2\) \(a\)](#), Stats.

(c) Attest to the completion of the requirements under s. [Nat Med 4.02](#).

(2) LATE RENEWAL WITHIN 5 YEARS. If the application for renewal is filed less than 5 years after the expiration of the applicant's license, the applicant shall pay the late renewal fee in s. [440.08 \(3\) \(a\)](#), Stats., and meet the requirements under sub. (1).

(3) LATE RENEWAL AFTER 5 YEARS AND REINSTATEMENT. (a) *Late renewal after 5 years.* If the application for renewal is 5 years or more after the expiration of the applicant's license, the board shall make such inquiry as it finds necessary to determine whether the applicant is competent to practice under the license in this state and shall impose any reasonable conditions on reinstatement of the license, including oral examination, as the board deems appropriate. All applicants under this paragraph shall be required to pass the jurisprudence examination, which is the same examination given to initial applicants.

(b) *Reinstatement.* An applicant who has a license with unmet disciplinary requirements that has not been renewed within 5 years of the renewal date or whose license has been surrendered or revoked may apply to have the license reinstated by submitting all of the following:

1. Evidence of completion of the requirements in par. (a).
2. Evidence of completion of disciplinary requirements, if applicable.
3. Evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances warranting reinstatement of the credential.

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