

**BOUCHER INSTITUTE  
POLICY**

**Policy Title:** Dismissal  
**Date of Initial Board Approval:** Pre-2001  
**Date of Last Approved Revision:** August 26, 2014  
**Person(s) Responsible for Implementation & Adherence:** President and Deans  
Council  
**Related Procedures:** Educational Standing Policy & Procedure

In order to ensure graduation of ethical, responsible naturopathic doctors, students at BINM are expected to demonstrate and uphold the highest standards of conduct from their very first day of matriculation at the Institute. Therefore, BINM has a zero tolerance policy for cheating, for willful disregard of Institute policies or for behaviors that jeopardize the health or safety of patients, other students or members of the school community. The following apply specifically:

- Any student about whom a substantiated complaint is received by the College of Naturopathic Physicians of B.C., in the course of their undergraduate studies, may be expelled.
- Any student confirmed to be cheating on tests, assignments or examinations will be expelled.
- Any student found to have misrepresented him/her-self to school authorities for the purpose of gaining admission to the school or during the course of the program in order to obtain unearned scholastic credit will be expelled.
- Any student found in repeated violation of Institute rules will be expelled.
- Other serious offences as determined by the Ethics Committee may result in expulsion.
- Students expelled will generally not be eligible for re-admission to the Institute.
- Expelled students will be held fully responsible for any accounts owing to the Institute.

In all cases where the reason for expulsion is under dispute, the student in question may appeal to the Board of Governors who may in turn convene the Ethics Committee or seek an expert consultant to review the case and make recommendations. The determination of the Board is final and shall be communicated to the student in writing.