

BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY

Policy Title: Preceptor Policy

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Person(s) Responsible for Implementation & Adherence: Dean of Clinical Education; Assistant to the Dean of Clinical Education

Related Procedures: TBD

All students must fulfill 125 hours of preceptorship as part of their clinical education at BINM. A minimum of 50 of these hours must be with a licensed ND. The remaining 75 hours are fulfilled with another health care professional. The non-ND hours must be with a health care professional who holds a professional license.

The goals of the preceptorship program at BINM are as follows:

- I. to expose students to other forms of therapy and clinical thinking which is not taught or emphasized in the clinical or academic portion of the students education at BINM
- II. to expose students to the professional practice and management of naturopathic medicine outside of an academic setting
- III. to provide networking opportunity to students before they are in a professional role, which may lead to job placement and/or collaborative communication in regards to patient care

Definitions:

Preceptorship: refers to a period in time in which the BINM student is conducting a portion of their education at an off-site location by *observation only*. Any doctor who is conducting a preceptorship must have a formal agreement with BINM, which includes a record of current licensure.

Preceptor Host: refers to the health care professional whom the BINM student observes in a clinical setting for educational purposes as defined by *Preceptorship* above. A Preceptor Host may be a ND, MD or other health care professional who is in a regulated profession and holds current, valid Licensure.

To qualify as a preceptor the practitioner must:

- Have a minimum of 2 years experience in practice
- Be a member of a regulated health profession
- Provide proof of current license to practice – for ND's in BC the Assistant to the Dean of Clinical Studies will confirm licensure with CNPBC.
- complete the preceptor application
- practice in Canada or the United States of America

Responsibilities of Preceptor:

- Complete a preceptor application

- Provide supervision for entire time student is in office
- Maintain good standing with profession and current licensure
- Provide adequate learning environment and resources
- Provide a learning experience appropriate for Naturopathic interns
- Ensure that intern learning is observational only
- May demonstrate modalities not part of BINM core curriculum but are within scope of naturopathic medicine in B.C.
- Complete student evaluation

Responsibilities of BINM Intern:

- Ensure preceptor approval prior to attendance
- Punctuality
- Dress according to BINM dress code
- Communicate in a timely and respectful manner with Preceptor and staff
- Reserve questions or comments until invited to do so by practitioner
- Observe practitioner in all settings, unless otherwise instructed
- Refrain from any hands-on interactions or applications of treatment modalities with patients
- Complete preceptor evaluation and submit all paperwork