

## **BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY**

**Policy Title:** Relationship with Regulatory and Accrediting Bodies  
**Date of Initial Board Approval:** June 4, 2007  
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**Person(s) Responsible for Implementation & Adherence:** Executive Director  
**Related Procedures:**

The Boucher Institute is committed to meeting and keeping current with all pertinent standards and requirements and to working positively with the B.C. regulatory body, the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia (CNPBC) and relevant institutional and programmatic accrediting bodies, the Private Career Training Institutions Agency (PCTIA) and the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) respectively, to ensure that the Boucher Institute remains on the CNPBC's list of approved schools of naturopathic medicine and that the Boucher Institute maintains all relevant accreditation status.

The Boucher Institute will ensure that pertinent details of licensure and accreditation are communicated to students in a timely manner as such details become known and the Boucher Institute will encourage students to take responsibility to regularly search out and monitor changes in licensing requirements in the jurisdiction in which they hope to practice, and to conscientiously abide by all requirements in order to be eligible for licensure.

Within the context of the Boucher Institute conscientiously discerning and meeting the programmatic and institutional requirements of an approved school of naturopathic medicine, individual students are ultimately responsible for their own licensure. Naturopathic licensing boards in North America operate independently from naturopathic medical schools and have different mandates from educational programs. No operational policies or procedures formally bind these organizations together and therefore all are strongly autonomous in terms of governance and policy development. Each licensing board has different criteria, rules, and procedures for becoming licensed to practice naturopathic medicine. Requirements for licensing can change and have changed unexpectedly and without formal notice from naturopathic licensing boards. In all cases where such sudden changes negatively impact matriculated Boucher students, the Boucher Institute will advocate on behalf of affected students to work toward resolution whenever possible.