

BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY

Policy Title: Admissions Policy

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Related Procedures: Admissions Procedure; Criminal Records Check Procedure; First Professional Advanced Standing Procedure; Immunization and Communicable Diseases Procedure; Transfer Student Procedure

Related Policies: Criminal Records Check Policy; Essential Skills and Abilities Policy; Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy; Prior Credit Policy; Readmission Policy; Student Accommodation and Support Policy, Transfer and Advanced Standing Credit Policy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define the general criteria for admission to the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM) and to outline the bases upon which applicants are selected for admission.

Policy Principles

1. The Boucher Institute is dedicated to maintaining a safe environment for a diverse community. The Boucher Institute does not discriminate in its selection of new students on the basis of race, colour, creed, religion, national/ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, genetic information, age, marital or parental status, disability, or service in the military or other uniformed services. BINM seeks applications from a diverse range of learners.
2. A degree and no less than 90 credits overall from a recognized¹ or authorized² Canadian or a regionally accredited American post-secondary institution is required for entry into the program.
3. The BINM Admissions Committee will establish prerequisites required for consideration for entry into the naturopathic medical program.
4. The BINM Admissions Committee will establish an expected minimum GPA for consideration for entry into the naturopathic medical program.
5. English is the primary language of study at BINM; applicants must therefore be able to demonstrate the appropriate level of English language proficiency.

¹ **Recognized Institution:** Public or private institution that has been given authority to grant degrees, diplomas, and other credentials by a public or private act of the provincial/territorial legislature or through a government-mandated quality assurance mechanism.

² **Authorized Institution:** Public or private institution that has been given authority to grant specific degrees, diplomas, or other credentials through a government-mandated quality assurance mechanism, and/or by a private act of the provincial/territorial legislature.

6. The BINM Admissions Committee will review and evaluate each applicant in an equitable and consistent manner.
7. The BINM Admissions Committee will comprise representatives from the academic, clinical and Student Services departments.
8. Applicants will have the right to know, through published criteria, the admission criteria prior to application. Consequently, changes to admission requirements will not normally be made after an application cycle has begun.
9. Admission requirements should be indicators of success in the program and reflect the cognitive, social-emotional, physical and ethical requirements necessary to become a competent naturopathic physician.
10. Applicants will be informed of the essential skills and abilities required for the program.
11. Applicants will be informed of student supports and accommodations.