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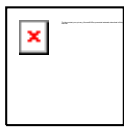
I likely provided an older version of this document to prior Board of Medicine members and Counsel. Please permit me to share this updated version of a document prepared by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians that details what Naturopathic doctors' titles and postnominals are across the US. I hope that it will be of use as you promulgate the NDRA.

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ND Titles in Regulated States
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State	Titles & Abbreviations
Alaska	Naturopathic Doctor, doctor of naturopathic medicine, N.D. If you use the term “Dr.” you must designate you’re a naturopathic doctor.
Arizona	Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, NMD, Doctor of Naturopathy, ND, Naturopath, Naturopathic Physician, Naturopathic Medical Doctor.
California	Naturopathic Doctor, licensed naturopathic doctor, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, doctor of naturopathy, naturopathic medical doctor, N.D., naturopath, naturopathic practitioner, traditional naturopathic practitioner. If you use the term “Dr.” you must designate you’re a naturopathic doctor unless you’re also a physician, surgeon, osteopathic doctor, Doctor of Chiropractic.
Colorado	Naturopathic Doctor, Doctor of naturopathy, N.D.
Connecticut	Naturopathic Physician, Naturopathic Doctor, ND.
District of Columbia	Doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic physician, licensed naturopath, naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathy, naturopath, ND.
Hawaii	Natureopath, naturopath, doctor of naturopathy, doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic healthcare, naturopathic physician, naturopathic medicine, naturopathy, naturopathic doctor, ND.
Idaho	NMD, Naturopathic Medical Doctor, licensed naturopathic physician, physician of naturopathic medicine.
Kansas	Naturopathic Doctor.
Maine	License must use the term: Naturopathic doctor. NDs can use: naturopathic, naturopath, doctor of naturopathic medicine, doctor of naturopathy, naturopathic medicine, naturopathic health care, naturopathy, ND.
Maryland	Doctor of naturopathic medicine, doctor of naturopathy, naturopathic doctor, naturopath, N.D.

Massachusetts	Naturopathic physician, naturopathic practitioner, natural doctor, naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathy, doctor of natural medicine, doctor of naturopathic medicine, NMD, doctor of nutritional medicine, N.D., naturopathic medicine, naturopath. Do not use the term physician or assume the character or appearance of a primary care provider.
Minnesota	Registered naturopathic doctor, naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathic medicine, RND, NMD.
Montana	May use prefix “Dr.” or “doctor” as title Doctor of naturopathy, doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopath, naturopathic physician, N.D., naturopathic medicine, naturopathic health care, naturopathic, naturopathy
New Hampshire	Doctor of naturopathic medicine, ND. Can use terms: doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, naturopath, doctor of naturopathy, naturopathic medicine, naturopathic health care, naturopathy, ND.
New Mexico	Naturopathic doctor, ND. Can use terms in reference to self: naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathic medicine, doctor of naturopathy, ND, N.D., NMD, N.M.D.
North Dakota	Naturopath, doctor of naturopathic medicine, N.D.
Oregon	Doctor of Naturopathy, N.D., Naturopath, Naturopathic Physician.
Pennsylvania	Naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathic medicine.
Puerto Rico	Doctor in naturopathy, ND, doctor of naturopathic medicine.
Rhode Island	Doctor of naturopathy, NMD, ND, N.D.
Utah	Naturopathic physician, naturopathic doctor, naturopath, doctor of naturopathic medicine, doctor of naturopathy, naturopathic medical doctor, naturopathic medicine, naturopathic health care, naturopathy, N.D., N.M.D.
Vermont	Naturopathic Physician, N.D., Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, Naturopathic Doctor, Doctor of Naturopathy.
Washington	Naturopath, Naturopathy, Naturopathic, Naturopathic Physician, ND, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine.
Wisconsin	Naturopathic Doctor, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, Doctor of Naturopathy, N.D., ND, N.M.D., NMD

Supporting Research and Documentation:

Alaska:

Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathy. A person who practices naturopathy may not (1) give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice (A) a prescription drug; (B) a controlled substance; (C) a poison; (2) engage in surgery; (3) use the word "physician" in the person's title

12 AAC 42.900. DISCLOSURE. (a) A licensee shall disclose that the licensee's training and practice is in naturopathy (1) to each patient by posting a conspicuous notice in the patient waiting room; and (2) by using the initials "N.D." after the licensee's written name, or, if the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." is used, by including the phrase "doctor of naturopathic medicine" after or below the licensee's name on written material made available to patients or the public.

Source: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/naturopathystatutes.pdf>.

Arizona:

R4-18-108. Titles, Use of Abbreviations

A. A physician issued a license by the Board may use any of the following titles or abbreviations:

1. Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine,
2. N.M.D.,
3. Doctor of Naturopathy,
4. N.D.,
5. Naturopath,
6. Naturopathic Physician, or
7. Naturopathic Medical Doctor.

B. A physician issued a license, or a graduate of a school approved by the Board, shall not use any of the following titles or abbreviations:

1. Doctor of medicine (naturopathic),
2. M.D.(N.), or
3. M.D.(naturopathic).

Source: Baron Glassgow, ED, AzNMA, 2/28/2019 email.

https://nd.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/4-18_3.pdf.

California:

Title Protection - 3660. Except as provided in subdivision (h) of Section 3644, a person shall have a valid, unrevoked, or unsuspended license issued under this chapter to do any of the following:

(a) To claim to be a naturopathic doctor, licensed naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathic medicine, doctor of naturopathy, or naturopathic medical doctor.

(b) To use the professional designation "N.D." or other titles, words, letters, or symbols with the intent to represent that he or she practices, is authorized to practice, or is able to practice naturopathic medicine as a naturopathic doctor.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 600, Sec. 11. (SB 796) Effective January 1, 2018. Repealed as of January 1, 2022, pursuant to Section 3686.)

3661. A naturopathic doctor who uses the term or designation "Dr." shall further identify himself or herself as "Naturopathic Doctor," "Licensed Naturopathic Doctor," "Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine," or "Doctor of Naturopathy" and shall not use any term or designation that would tend to indicate the practice of medicine, other than naturopathic medicine, unless otherwise licensed as a physician and surgeon, osteopathic doctor, or doctor of chiropractic.

3645. (a) This chapter permits, and does not restrict, the use of the following titles by persons who are educated and trained as any of the following:

- (1) "Naturopath."
- (2) "Naturopathic practitioner."
- (3) "Traditional naturopathic practitioner."

Source: Frances McAdam, CNDA, 2/28/2019 email.

<https://www.naturopathic.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml>.

Colorado:

12-37.3-110. Persons entitled to practice as naturopathic doctors - title protection for naturopathic doctors. (1) A person shall not hold himself or herself out as a naturopathic doctor or use any of the titles or initials referred to in subsection (2) of this section unless the person is registered as a naturopathic doctor pursuant to this article.

(2) A naturopathic doctor may use the title "naturopathic doctor", or "doctor of naturopathy", or the initials "N.D."

(2.5) A naturopathic doctor shall qualify any specialty services provided to the public with "naturopathic" or "naturopath".

(3) A naturopathic doctor shall not use:

(a) The term "physician" in describing the naturopathic doctor's registered naturopathic medicine practice in this state.

(b) The abbreviations "NMD" or "N.M.D.";

(c) The term "naturopathic medical doctor".

(4) Nothing in this section prevents a naturopathic doctor from disclosing membership in national organizations or associations of naturopathic physicians unless the disclosure is false, misleading, or deceptive.

(5) Nothing in this section prevents a person from using the term "doctor" or the title "Dr." if he or she satisfies the requirements of section 6-1-707 (1)(a), C.R.S.

Source: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxjZbLWkyTENTTmZ4ZEU/view>.

Connecticut:

"The License issued is called a Naturopathic Physician and the ND is written after the Naturopathic's Name."

Source: Email correspondence with Angela M. Holmes, office assistant with CT Department of Public Health on 6/13/2019.

Sec. 20-34. Practice defined. (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include (1) counseling; (2) the practice of the mechanical and material sciences of healing as follows: The mechanical sciences such as mechanotherapy, articular manipulation, corrective and orthopedic gymnastics, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and phototherapy; and the material sciences such as nutrition, dietetics, phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and external applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic procedures as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of mechanical and material sciences of healing as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering medical devices and durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry, tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing.

Sec. 20-37. Licensure. Examination. Fees. No person shall engage in the practice of naturopathy in this state until he has obtained a license.

Sec. 20-42. Penalties. Any person, except a licensed naturopath or a physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, who practices or attempts to practice naturopathy, or any person who buys, sells or fraudulently obtains any diploma or license to practice naturopathy whether recorded or not, or any person who uses the title "naturopath" or any word or title to induce the belief that he is engaged in the practice of naturopathy, without complying with the provisions of this chapter, or any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

Source: https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_373.htm.

District of Columbia:

5210 LAWFUL PRACTICE 5210.1 An individual licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under the Act may use the titles "Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine," "Naturopathic Physician," "Licensed Naturopath," "Naturopathic Doctor," "Doctor of Naturopathy," "Naturopath," or the initials "ND."

Source:

https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/naturopathic_regulations.pdf.

Hawaii:

Title protection statute:

§455-9 Penalty. Any person except a licensed naturopathic physician who practices, attempts to practice, or advertises the practice of naturopathic medicine, or any person who buys, sells, or fraudulently obtains any diploma or license to practice naturopathic medicine whether recorded or not, or any person who uses the title "**natureopath**," "**naturopath**," "**doctor of naturopathy**," "**doctor of naturopathic medicine**," "**naturopathic healthcare**," "**naturopathic physician**," "**naturopathic medicine**," "**naturopathy**," "**naturopathic doctor**" or "**N.D.**," or any word or title to induce the belief that the person is engaged in the practice of naturopathic medicine without complying with this chapter, or any person who violates this chapter, shall be fined a sum of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 for each violation, which sum shall be collected in a civil action brought by the attorney general or the department on behalf of the State.

Source: Dr. Michael Traub, 2/28/2019 email.

http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/hrs_pvl_455.pdf.

Idaho:

"We will have a Board under the Idaho Board of Medicine and will use the term NMD (this is important as we will not be able to use the term ND in Idaho). Licenses will be active July 2020."

Source: Email correspondence with Dr. Diana R. Crumrine, NMD (5/7/19).

54-5110. certain acts prohibited.

(2) to represent oneself as licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter or to use the title or designation "licensed naturopathic physician," "physician of naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic medical doctor," or "NMD," unless such person is licensed. The use of the term "naturopath," "naturopathic doctor," or "ND" by persons not licensed under this chapter shall not be restricted. This section shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Source:

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2019/legislation/H0244.pdf>.

Kansas:

Titles protected: Naturopathic doctor.

Source: Dr. Megan Schlick, 2/28/2019 email.

65-7211. Authorized representations; unlawful representations; authority not conferred upon naturopathic doctors to engage in activities not conferred by act. (a) A person licensed under this act as a naturopathic doctor shall: (1) Use the letters "N.D.," when using the letters or term "Dr.," or "Doctor" to identify themselves to patients or the public; and (2) be authorized to use the words "naturopathic doctor," "doctor of naturopathy," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," or "naturopath," to indicate that such person is a naturopathic doctor licensed under this act. A person licensed under this act may not advertise, hold themselves out to the public, refer to themselves or use the terms "naturopathic physician," "physician" or "naturopathic medical doctor" in conjunction with such licensee's name. A violation of this subsection (a) shall constitute a class B misdemeanor. (b) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed under this act as a naturopathic doctor or whose license has been suspended or revoked to hold oneself out to the public in any manner as a licensed naturopathic doctor, or use the abbreviation of "N.D." or the words "naturopathic doctor," "doctor of naturopathy," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "naturopath," "naturopathic medical doctor" or any other words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that such person is a naturopathic doctor. A violation of this subsection (b) shall constitute a class B person misdemeanor. (c) No statute granting authority to persons licensed or registered by the state board of healing arts shall be construed to confer authority upon naturopathic doctors to engage in any activity not conferred by this act. History: L. 2002, ch. 203, § 30; L. 2010, ch. 126, § 10; Jan. 1, 2011. Source:

http://www.ksbha.org/statutes/booklets/Statute_and_Regulation_Handbook.pdf#page%3D244.

Maine:

§12521. License required; licensee title

1. License required. A person may not practice naturopathic medicine or profess to be a naturopathic doctor in this State unless that person holds a current, valid license from the board to practice naturopathic medicine.

[1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW) .]

2. Title. A licensee must use the title "naturopathic doctor." Naturopathic doctors have the exclusive right to the use of the terms "naturopathic doctor," "naturopathic," "naturopath," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic health care," "naturopathy" and the recognized abbreviation "N.D." Use of the title "physician" by the licensee is prohibited.

[1997, c. 210, §13 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY 1995, c. 671, §13 (NEW). 1997, c. 210, §13 (AMD).

Source: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/32/title32sec12521.html>.

Maryland:

(i) "Licensed naturopathic doctor" means a naturopathic doctor who is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine.

(j) "Naturopathic doctor" means an individual who practices naturopathic medicine

An individual licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in this State may not use the title "physician". Titles include: "doctor of naturopathic medicine", "doctor of naturopathy", "naturopathic doctor", "naturopath" or "N.D."

§14-5F-30.

(a) Unless an individual is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine, the individual may not:

(1) Represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is licensed by the Board to practice naturopathic medicine;

(2) Use the title "doctor of naturopathic medicine", "doctor of naturopathy", "naturopathic doctor", or "naturopath"; or

(3) Use the initials "N.D.", "ND", "NMD", or "N.M.D." after the name of the individual.

(b) An individual licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in the State may not use the title "physician".

Source:

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmStatutesText.aspx?article=gho§ion=14-5F-30&ext=html&session=2019RS>.

Massachusetts:

Section 273. (a) No person shall represent or assume the character or appearance of a licensed naturopathic doctor in the commonwealth unless that person is licensed under this chapter. A person who is not licensed under this chapter shall not use any of the following titles: naturopathic physician, naturopathic practitioner, natural doctor, naturopathic doctor, doctor of naturopathy, doctor of natural medicine, doctor of naturopathic medicine, NMD, doctor of nutritional medicine, N.D, naturopathic medicine, naturopath or any other term that indicates or implies that the person is licensed to practice any form of naturopathic health care.

(b) A licensed naturopathic doctor shall not use the term physician nor assume the character or appearance of a primary care provider.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2016/Chapter400>.

Source: Dr. Paul Herscu 2/28/2019 email; he states protected names are being concretized soon in Rules and Regulations.

Minnesota:

147E.10 PROTECTED TITLES. **§ Subdivision 1.** Designation.

(a) No individual may use the title "registered naturopathic doctor," "naturopathic doctor," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," or use, in connection with the individual's name, the letters "R.N.D." or "N.M.D.," or any other titles, words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the individual is a registered naturopathic doctor unless the individual has been registered as a registered naturopathic doctor according to this chapter.

(b) After July 1, 2009, individuals who are registered under this chapter and who represent themselves as practicing naturopathic medicine by use of a term in paragraph (a) shall conspicuously display the registration in the place of practice.

Source: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/147E.10>.

Montana:

Part 4. Licensing

License Required -- Titles Restricted -- Enjoining Unlawful Practice

37-26-401. License required -- titles restricted -- enjoining unlawful practice. (1) Except as provided in **37-26-302**, a person may not practice naturopathy without a valid and current license issued by the board as provided in this chapter.

(2) (a) A naturopathic physician licensed under this chapter may use the prefix "Dr." or "doctor" as a title.

(b) Only a naturopathic physician licensed under this chapter may use any of the following titles or terms:

(i) "doctor of naturopathy", "doctor of naturopathic medicine", "naturopath", "naturopathic physician", and the abbreviation "N.D." when used to imply any of these titles; or

(ii) "naturopathic medicine", "naturopathic health care", "naturopathic", and "naturopathy".

(c) The titles and terms in subsection (2)(b) identify naturopathic physicians and are restricted to describing and identifying licensed practitioners and their practice. A person who uses these titles and terms to represent the person or the person's practice to the public without being licensed pursuant to this chapter is in violation of this chapter.

(3) A violation of this chapter may be enjoined by the district court on petition by the board.

History: En. Sec. 5, Ch. 306, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 1394, Ch. 56, L. 2009.

Montana Code Annotated 2017

https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0370/chapter_0260/part_0010/section_0030/0370-0260-0010-0030.html

TITLE 37. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

CHAPTER 26. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

Part 1. General

Definitions

37-26-103. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

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(7) "Naturopathic medicine", "naturopathic health care", or "naturopathy" means a system of primary health care practiced by naturopathic physicians for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injury, and disease. Its purpose is to promote or restore health by the support and stimulation of the individual's inherent self-healing processes. This is accomplished through education of the patient by a naturopathic physician and through the use of natural therapies and therapeutic substances.

(8) "Naturopathic physical applications" means the therapeutic use by naturopathic physicians of the actions or devices of electrical muscle stimulation, galvanic, diathermy, ultrasound, ultraviolet light, constitutional hydrotherapy, and naturopathic manipulative therapy.

(9) "Naturopathic physician" means a person authorized and licensed to practice naturopathic health care under this chapter.

Montana Code Annotated 2017

TITLE 37. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

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Part 4. Licensing

Enforcement -- Penalty

37-26-414. Enforcement -- penalty. (1) A county attorney shall prosecute a person charged with violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

(2) A person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.

Source: Ingrid Lovitt, ED, MANP, 3/1/2019 email.

<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/abc#8>.

New Hampshire:

328-E:3 License Required; Licensee Title. –

I. No persons shall practice or represent themselves as practicing naturopathic medicine in this state without first applying for and receiving a license from the board to practice naturopathic medicine.

II. Licensees shall use the title "doctor of naturopathic medicine" and the recognized abbreviation "N.D." Doctors of naturopathic medicine shall have the exclusive right to use of the terms: "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic doctor," "naturopath," "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic health care," "naturopathy," and "N.D."

III. Persons who represent themselves as doctors of naturopathic medicine are those who adopt or

use any title or any description of services that uses one or more of the terms listed in paragraph II of this section. **Source.** 1994, 392:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1995.

Source: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXX/328-E/328-E-3.htm>.

New Mexico:

SECTION 10. PROTECTED TITLES.

A. A licensee shall use the title "naturopathic doctor" and the recognized abbreviation "N.D."

B. A licensee has the exclusive right to use the following terms in reference to the licensee's self: (1) "naturopathic doctor"; (2) "doctor of naturopathic medicine"; (3) "doctor of naturopathy"; (4) "N.D."; (5) "ND"; (6) "NMD"; and (7) "N.M.D."

C. An individual represents the individual's self to be a naturopathic doctor when the individual uses or adopts any of the following terms in reference to the individual's self: (1) "naturopathic doctor"; (2) "doctor of naturopathic medicine"; (3) "doctor of naturopathy"; (4) "N.D."; (5) "ND"; (6) "NMD"; and (7) "N.M.D."

D. An individual shall not represent the individual's self to the public as a naturopathic doctor, a doctor of naturopathic medicine or a doctor of naturopathy, or as being otherwise authorized to practice naturopathic medicine in the state, unless the individual is a licensee.

E. A licensee shall not represent the licensee's self as a "naturopathic physician"; provided that representing that the licensee is a member of an organization that uses the term "naturopathic physicians" in the organization's name shall not be construed to be a violation of the provisions of this subsection.

Source: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/final/SB0135.pdf>.

North Dakota:

43-58-03. License required - Title restrictions. 1. Effective January 1, 2012, a person may not practice naturopathy without a current naturopathic license issued by the board. 2. A naturopath may use the title "naturopath" or "doctor of naturopathic medicine" and the abbreviation "N.D." when used to reflect either of these titles. Effective January 1, 2012, a person that uses these terms or initials as identification without having received a naturopathic license under this chapter is engaging in the practice of naturopathy without a license.

Source: <https://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t43c58.pdf?20130405164204>.

Oregon:

Statute 685.020 protects "Doctor of Naturopathy" or its abbreviation, "N.D.," "Naturopath" or "Naturopathic Physician."

685.020 License required to practice naturopathic medicine; use of certain titles and abbreviations; license exemption for students.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no person shall practice, attempt to practice, or claim to practice naturopathic medicine in this state without first complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Only licensees under this chapter may use any or all of the following terms, consistent with academic degrees earned: "Doctor of Naturopathy" or its abbreviation, "N.D.," "Naturopath" or "Naturopathic Physician." However, none of these terms, or any combination of them, shall be so used as to convey the idea that the physician who uses them practices anything other than naturopathic medicine.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a bona fide student of naturopathic medicine who, during the period of the student's enrollment and as part of a doctoral course of study in an Oregon accredited naturopathic educational institution, engages in clinical training under the supervision of institution faculty, if the clinical training facility and level of supervision meet the

standards adopted by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine by rule. [Amended by 1997 c.560 §1; 2001 c.526 §1; 2009 c.43 §12]

<https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/rules/Chapter%20685%202015-2017.pdf>.

Source: Beth Martin, ED of OANP, 2/28/2019 email.

Pennsylvania:

"SECTION 201. REGISTRATION. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO USE THE TITLE OF "NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR" OR "DOCTOR OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE" UNLESS THAT PERSON IS REGISTERED AS A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR WITH THE BOARD."

Source:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2015&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=0516&pn=4043>.

Puerto Rico:

(c) "Doctor in Naturopathy" means the person who is duly authorized to practice Naturopathic Medicine in Puerto Rico, and who meets the requirements of this Act.

Section 16.- Use of Title.- Any person who holds a license issued by the Board of Examiners of Doctors in Naturopathy is authorized to use the title of "Doctor in Naturopathy", or the initials "ND", after his/her name in any document, announcement, and notice related to his/her profession. February 4, 1998.

Source: Email correspondence with Dr. Rodriguez Malave on 6/14/19

<http://www.oslpr.org/download/en/1997/0208.pdf>.

Rhode Island:

Protects the titles listed below and here: Doctor of naturopathy, NMD, ND, N.D.

35.3 License Requirements

A. The penalty for misrepresentation is set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-36.1-4.

Misrepresentation shall include the holding of oneself out to the public as a practitioner of naturopathic health care, whether by appending to one's name the title of doctor of naturopathy or any abbreviation thereof, or NMD, N.D., ND, or any other title or designation implying one is a practitioner of naturopathic health care.

Source: Dr. Bridget Casey, 2/28/2019 email.

<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-40-05-35>.

Utah:

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(12) "Practice of naturopathic medicine" means:

(c) to use, in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of human diseases or conditions, in any printed material, stationery, letterhead, envelopes, signs, or advertisements, the designation "naturopathic physician," "naturopathic doctor," "naturopath," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopathic medical doctor," "naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic health care," "naturopathy," "N.D.," "N.M.D.," or any combination of these designations in any manner that might cause a reasonable person to believe the individual using the designation is a licensed naturopathic physician.

Source:

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter71/58-71-S102.html?v=C58-71-S102_2014040320140513.

Vermont:

(10) "Naturopathic physician" is a person who practices naturopathic medicine and is licensed under this chapter. (Cite as: 26 V.S.A. § 4121)

§ 4127. Eligibility for licensure (Cite as: 26 V.S.A. § 4127)

- To be eligible for licensure as a naturopathic physician, an applicant shall satisfy all the following:
- (1) Have been granted a degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine, or a degree determined by the director to be essentially equivalent to such degree, from an approved naturopathic medical college.
- (2) Be physically and mentally fit to practice naturopathic medicine.
- (3) Pass a licensing examination approved by the director by rule, unless the applicant is exempt from examination pursuant to section 4129 of this chapter.

Source: Dr. Joshua Green, 2/28/2019 email.

§ 4122. Prohibitions and penalties

(a) No person shall perform any of the following acts:

(1) Practice naturopathic medicine in this state without a valid license issued in accordance with this chapter except as provided in section 4123 of this title.

(2) Use in connection with the person's name any letters, words, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is a naturopathic physician unless the person is licensed in accordance with this chapter. A person licensed under this chapter may use the designations "N.D.," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic doctor," "doctor of naturopathy," or "naturopathic physician."
Cite as: 26 V.S.A. § 4122.

Source: Dr. Lorilee Schoenbeck, 3/6/2019 email.

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/081>.

Washington:

Title protection statute: RCW 18.36A.030 License required.

(1) No person may practice naturopathy or represent himself or herself as a naturopath without first applying for and receiving a license from the secretary to practice naturopathy.

(2) A person represents himself or herself as a naturopath when that person adopts or uses any title or any description of services that incorporates one or more of the following terms or designations: Naturopath, naturopathy, naturopathic, naturopathic physician, ND, or doctor of naturopathic medicine.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.36A.030>.

Sources: Dr. Robert May, ED, WANP, 2/28/2019 email; Pierce Dyer, Sprague Israel Giles, 3/7/2019 email.

Wisconsin:

466.02 License required; use of titles. (1) (a) Except as provided in subs. (2) (a) and (b) and (3), no person may practice naturopathic medicine or make a representation that he or she is authorized to do so unless the person is licensed under this chapter. (b) 1. Except as provided in subs. (2) (b) and (3), no person may designate himself or herself as a naturopathic doctor or doctor of naturopathic medicine; use or assume the title "naturopathic doctor," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," or "doctor of naturopathy"; use the words "naturopathic medicine" or "naturopathic health care" in connection with his or her practice; append to the person's name the letters "N.D." or "ND"; use any other titles, words, letters, abbreviations, insignia, or designation that would imply that the individual is licensed, certified, or registered as a naturopathic doctor or doctor of naturopathic medicine; or claim to render naturopathic medicine or naturopathic health care services unless the person is licensed under s. 466.04 (1) or (2)

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