



## PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Regarding Reaccreditation for the ND program offered by:  
**Bastyr University Naturopathic Medicine (ND) Program**  
at its campus locations in Kenmore, Washington and San Diego, California

**Comments due by Wednesday,  
April 22, 2026**

At its meeting scheduled for May 7-8, 2026, the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)—a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting agency for doctor of naturopathy (ND) programs—will hold a hearing and decide whether to reaccredit the ND program offered by Bastyr University at its campuses in Kenmore, Washington and San Diego, California.

This notice invites written comments from state postsecondary education agencies; institutional and programmatic accrediting agencies; naturopathic licensing agencies; administrative staff, faculty, and students of colleges and programs affiliated with CNME; national, state and provincial associations of naturopathic physicians; and other organizations and individuals who wish to offer comments on the qualifications for reaccreditation of the ND program.

In order for an ND program to be eligible for reaccreditation, it must be in substantial compliance with CNME's current accreditation standards and policies, as published in CNME's *Handbook of Accreditation for Naturopathic Medicine Programs* (2025 edition). Public comments on the qualifications for accreditation must reference the applicable accreditation standards and policies. A PDF copy of the *Handbook of Accreditation* is downloadable from the CNME website ([www.cnme.org](http://www.cnme.org)) and can also be provided by email upon request.

Written comments must include the name, position title (when applicable), and address of the person making the submission. The comments CNME receives are made available upon request to the institution to which the comments pertain; however, the CNME keeps confidential the name of the commenter if he/she is currently involved with the institution (e.g., student, staff, faculty). CNME does not release the comments to any other third party.

Comments should either be electronically submitted using the "Submit comments" link on the CNME website, [www.cnme.org](http://www.cnme.org), or mailed to the Council at "CNME, PO Box 178, Great Barrington, MA 01230" by April 22, 2026.

Please direct any questions to Daniel Seitz, JD, EdD, Executive Director, via the CNME comment link or by phone: 413-528-8877.

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