

Naturopathic
Medicine
Description

Naturopathic Physicians (N.D.s) are primary health care practitioners. They are trained to be the doctor first seen by the patient for general health care, for advice on keeping healthy, and for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions. They also serve those whose treatment by conventional means has not met their needs and who seek naturopathic care as an alternative.

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Degree

N.D.

Program Length

Four years

Professional Schools'
Organization

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Application Service

[NDCAS \(Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Centralized Application Service\)](#)

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Academic Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with course requirements similar to those required by allopathic medical schools. Prerequisites
Admission Exam	None
Personal Attributes & Experiences	The naturopathic physician is a catalyst for healthful change, empowering and motivating the patient to assume responsibility. The physician must strive to inspire hope as well as understanding. The physician must also make a commitment to his/her personal and spiritual development in order to be a good teacher. The physician emphasizes the treatment of disease through the stimulation, enhancement, and support of the inherent healing capacity of the person.
Recommendation Letters	As specified by each school.