

# Which entry-to-practise exams do I take?



## CNME\*-accredited program graduates

\*Council on Naturopathic Medical Education

CONO = College of Naturopaths of Ontario  
(the College)

GRADUATION YEAR	TO PRACTISE IN ONTARIO	TO PRACTISE IN ANOTHER REGULATED CANADIAN PROVINCE/TERRITORY	TO PRACTISE IN THE US	TO PRACTISE OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA	UNDECIDED PRACTISE LOCATION AND/OR DUAL US-CANADIAN REGISTRATION
Prior to Nov. 20, 2020	<b>NPLEX 1</b> <b>CONO exams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical Sciences</li> <li>- Clinical (Practical)</li> <li>- Jurisprudence</li> </ul>	May be required to take other exams specific to that province/territory; e.g., the jurisprudence exam. Contact regulator for details.	Contact the regulator or relevant body for the state in which you want to practise.	Contact the regulator or relevant body for the country in which you want to practise.	For maximum flexibility in North America*, consider <b>NPLEX 1 &amp; 2</b> + <b>CONO exams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical Sciences</li> <li>- Clinical (Practical)</li> <li>- Jurisprudence</li> </ul>
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\* There is a two-year time limit during which an applicant must have completed their entry-to-practise exams to be eligible for registration with the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College). After two-years, an applicant may be sent for an assessment to the College's Registration Committee to determine their currency of knowledge and skills, along with a need for additional training, education, or exams based on identified areas of atrophy. This requirement may also exist in other provinces, states or territories. Therefore, if you are highly unlikely to practise outside Ontario/Canada within two years, you may choose to only complete the CONO exams.



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## Other applicants

TIMING	TO APPLY FROM ANOTHER REGULATED CANADIAN JURISDICTION WHERE YOU'VE BEEN ACTIVELY PRACTISING NATUROPATHY	TO APPLY FROM A US OR UNREGULATED CANADIAN JURISDICTION, HAVING GRADUATED FROM A CNME-ACCREDITED PROGRAM	TO APPLY TO REGISTER IN ONTARIO FROM AN INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION OR NON-ACCREDITED PROGRAM	TO RE-APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AFTER RESIGNATION OR REVOCATION OF ONTARIO REGISTRATION
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Following are brief descriptions of the entry-to-practise exams discussed in the charts above:

**NPLEX** - the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination as developed by NPLEX Inc. and delivered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. NPLEX includes two parts, NPLEX Stage 1 (Biomedical exam) and the NPLEX Stage II (Clinical Sciences exam and clinical elective in Acupuncture exam).

**Ontario Biomedical Exam** - a registration examination in the biomedical sciences which tests candidate knowledge of body systems and their interactions, body functions, dysfunctions, and disease states.

**Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam** – a registration examination in the clinical sciences which tests a candidate's knowledge of necessary naturopathic competencies for the treatment of patients, required to be eligible for registration with the College to practise naturopathy in the province of Ontario.

**Ontario Clinical (Practical) Exams** - a practical examination in Physical Examination/Instrumentation, Acupuncture, and Manipulation, required to be eligible for registration.

**Ontario Jurisprudence Exam** – an online, open-book exam that tests candidate knowledge and understanding of the laws, regulations, College by-laws, and practice standards and guidelines that govern the naturopathy profession in Ontario.

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