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Intent/Purpose	To establish a policy governing the Clinical (Practical) Examinations approved or administered by the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College).	
Definitions	Act	Means the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i> .
	Applicant	Means an individual who has made a formal application to the College for a certificate of registration.
	Candidate	Means any person who has submitted an examination application or is engaged in any examination or appeal, which leads to the recording and/or issue of a mark, grade or statement of result or performance by the College.
	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Means the individual appointed by the Council of the College pursuant to section 9(2) of the Code which is Schedule II of the RHPA and who performs the duties assigned to the position of Registrar under the RHPA, the Code, the Act and the regulations made thereunder.
	Clinical (Practical) Examinations	Means Council approved clinical practical examinations in Physical Examination/Instrumentation, Acupuncture and Manipulation, required to be eligible for registration with the College to practice naturopathy in the province of Ontario.
	CNME	Means the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education. The North American accrediting agency for naturopathic educational programs that is recognized by the College.
	Code	Means the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the RHPA.
	College	Means the College of Naturopaths of Ontario as established under the Act and governed by the RHPA.
	Council	Means the Council of the College as established pursuant to section 6 of the Act.
	Deferral	Means a granted postponement of a candidate's attempt at one or more examinations.
	Examination Accommodation	Means an adjustment to testing conditions, examination requirements or examination scheduling to address a candidate's current needs arising from a disability, a religious requirement, a pregnancy or breastfeeding related need as outlined in the College's Examination Accommodations Policy.
	Examination Violation	Means a contravention of the College's Examination Rules of Conduct.

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Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) program Means a process used to determine the competency of individuals who do not have formal education from a CNME- accredited program in naturopathy.

Registration Committee Means the statutory committee of the College responsible for all registration matters referred to it by the CEO. Panels of this statutory committee are responsible for setting plans of exam remediation and all registration matters as set out in the Code.

Registration Regulation Means Ontario Regulation 84/14.

RHPA Means the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.

General	Guiding Legislation	All aspects of this policy will be managed in accordance with the RHPA, the Act, the Registration Regulation, the Program and Examination Policies of the College.
	Entry-to-Practice Requirement	All applicants, except for those applicants who have been deemed to have satisfied subsection 7(1) of the Registration Regulation (labour mobility), must successfully complete the Clinical (Practical) Examinations as set or approved by Council in order to qualify for registration with the College.

Clinical (Practical) Examinations	Eligibility - General	A candidate is eligible to sit the College's Clinical (Practical) Examinations provided they have successfully completed a CNME- accredited program in naturopathy as required by the Registration Regulation or have successfully completed the PLAR program.
	Eligibility - Acupuncture	To be considered eligible to sit the College's acupuncture Clinical (Practical) Examination, candidates must have completed at least 220 hours of didactic and at least 30 hours of clinical training in acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine.
	Accommodations	To ensure candidates are provided fair opportunity to sit any Council approved examination, the College will consider all accommodation requests received from any candidate. All requests for accommodation will be managed in accordance with the Examination Accommodations Policy.
	Examination Attempts	Candidates are provided three attempts to successfully complete the Clinical (Practical) Examinations. A candidate who has made a second unsuccessful attempt of the exam(s) may be required to complete additional education or training, as determined by a panel of the Registration Committee, in order to qualify to attempt the examination(s) for a third and final time.

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Retakes	A candidate will sit all three Clinical (Practical) Examinations during their first attempt. A second and third attempt will include only those Clinical (Practical) Examinations that were failed in the first and/or second attempt as the case may be. Any retake is considered a subsequent attempt of the maximum of three attempts permitted to successfully complete the Clinical (Practical) Examinations.
Deferrals	Any candidate who is registered for an examination, except for the Jurisprudence examination, which is offered on a continuous basis may seek a deferral, due to illness, injury or emergency which prevents their attendance at an examination.
Withdrawals	Any candidate who is registered for an examination as required by this policy may seek to withdraw. All withdrawal requests are managed in accordance with the College's Examinations Policy.
Exam Appeals	Appeals of an examination as required by this policy are handled in accordance with the College's Examination Appeals Policy
Examination Violations	All candidates are required to comply with the Examination Rules of Conduct as outlined in the Examinations Policy, . Any allegation of an examinations violation will be handled in accordance with the College's Examinations Policy.
Passing Requirements	To pass the Clinical (Practical) Examinations, a candidate must achieve a minimum of 75% on each exam.

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