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Intent/Purpose

To establish a policy governing the Clinical Sciences and Biomedical examinations approved or administered by the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College).

Definitions

Act Means the *Naturopathy Act*, 2007.

Biomedical Examination

Means a Council approved entry-to-practise examination in the biomedical sciences which tests candidate knowledge of body systems and their interactions, body functions, dysfunctions and disease states, required to be eligible for registration with the College to practise naturopathy in the province of Ontario.

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 issuing 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 Sciences Examination Means a Council approved entry-to-practise 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.

CNME

Means the North American accrediting agency for naturopathic educational programs that is recognized by the College of

Naturopaths of Ontario.

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

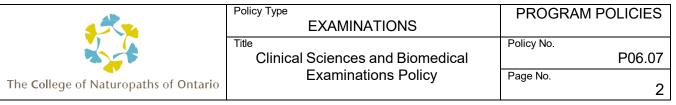
or more examinations.

Examination Accommodation

Means an adjustment to testing conditions, examination requirements or examination scheduling to address a candidate's current needs arising from a disability, health condition, a religious requirement, a pregnancy or breastfeeding related needed as outlined in the College's Examination

Accommodations Policy.

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Examination Means a contravention of the College's Examination Rules of Violation Conduct. Modified Means a criterion-referenced process that is used to set a pass score that accounts for the difficulty of the exam content, and Angoff Method the profile of what a Naturopathic Doctor can be expected to know and be able to do at an entry-to-practice level. **NPLEX** Means the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination as developed by NPLEX Inc. and delivered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. For the purposes of this policy, NPLEX includes two parts, NPLEX Stage 1 (Biomedical Examination) and the NPLEX Stage II (Clinical Sciences examination and clinical elective in Acupuncture examination). Prior Learning Means a process used to determine the competency of individuals Assessment and who do not have formal education from a CNME- accredited Recognition program in naturopathy. (PLAR) program Raw Score Means the number of questions a candidate answers correctly from a range of 0-200. Registration Means the statutory committee of the College responsible for all registration matters referred to it by the CEO. Panels of this Committee statutory committee are responsible for setting plans of exam remediation and all registration matters as set out in the Code. Registration Means Ontario Regulation 84/14... Regulation **RHPA** Means the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 **Scaled Scores** Means the mathematical transformation of a candidate's raw score to a common scale which ranges from 200-800. All aspects of this policy will be managed in accordance with the Guiding Legislation Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, the Naturopathy Act, 2007, the Registration Regulation, the Ontario Human Rights Code, the College's Examinations Policy, the College's Examination Rules of Conduct and the Examination Transition Policy. Entry Requ

y-to-Practice	All applicants, except for those applicants who have been
uirement	deemed to have satisfied subsection 7(1) of the Registration
	Regulation (labour mobility), must successfully complete the
	Clinical Sciences examination and the Biomedical examination
	as set or approved by the Council in order to quality for
	registration with the College.

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Clinical Sciences and Biomedical Examinations Eligibility – General A candidate is eligible to sit both the College's Clinical Sciences examination and the Biomedical examination provided they have successfully completed a CNME-accredited program in naturopathy prior to exam registration, as required by the Registration Regulation or have been deemed eligible to sit the examinations as part of the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) program.

Order of Exam Completion

Candidates sitting the Clinical Sciences exam and the Biomedical exam outside of the PLAR program may sit these exams in an order of their choosing. Order of exam completion for PLAR candidates will be managed in accordance with the PLAR Program Policy.

Accommodations

To ensure candidates are provided with a 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 College's Examinations Accommodations Policy.

Examination Attempts

Candidates are provided three attempts to successfully complete the examinations required by this policy.

A candidate who has failed an examination for a second time will have their examination results referred to a panel of the Registration Committee (the Panel) and may be required to complete additional education or training, as determined by the Panel, in order to qualify to attempt the examination for a third and final time.

Deferrals

Any candidate who is registered for an examination may seek a deferral. All deferral requests are managed in accordance with the College's Examinations Policy and Examinations Rules of Conduct.

Examination Violations

All candidates are required to comply with the Examination Rules of Conduct as outlined in the Examinations Policy and Exam Rules of Conduct. Any allegation of an examinations violation will be handled in accordance with the College's Examinations Policy and Examinations Code of Conduct.

Passing Requirements-Scaled Score To be deemed to have passed the Clinical Sciences exam and the Biomedical exam, candidates must achieve a minimum scaled score of 550 on each of the exams.

Recognition of the NPLEX taken by Candidates Exam Transition Policy

Recognition of a candidate's successful completion of the NPLEX, as fulfilling one or more of the entry-to-practise requirements under the College, will be managed in accordance with the College's Exam Transition policy.

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