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Intent/Purpose	To provide a policy governing matters relating to the transition of registration examinations from the NPLEX series to the College of Naturopaths of Ontario's Biomedical and Clinical Sciences examinations.	
Definitions	Applicant	An individual who has made an application to the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College) for registration.
	Biomedical Examination	Council approved registration 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	Any person who has submitted an examination registration 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.
	Clinical (Practical) Examinations	Council approved practical examinations in Physical Examination/Instrumentation, Acupuncture and Manipulation, required to be eligible for registration.
	Clinical Sciences Examination	Council approved 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.
	Code	The Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule II of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>
	NPLEX	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).
	Registrar	The individual appointed by the Council of the College pursuant to section 9(2) of the Health Professions Procedural Code which is Schedule II of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 and who performs the duties assigned to that position under the Act, the Code, the Naturopathy Act, 2007 and the regulations made thereunder.
	Registration Committee	A statutory committee of the Council of the College and established pursuant to section 10(1)(2) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> .
	Registration Regulation	Ontario Regulation 84/14 as amended from time to time.

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	Registration Examinations	Council approved entry-to-practise examinations, required to be eligible for registration with the College to practise naturopathy in the province of Ontario. For the purposes of this policy, registration examinations include the College's Biomedical, Clinical Sciences and the Clinical Examinations, and the NPLEX until November 2020.
Policy	Authority	Pursuant to paragraph 1(i)B of section 5(1) of the Registration Regulation, the Council of the College has the authority to approve the registration examinations, and the body that would administer the examinations on its behalf, that a person must successfully complete in order to qualify for registration with the College. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of section 5(1) of the Registration Regulation, the Council of the College has the authority to set or approve the clinical examinations which a person must successfully complete in order to qualify for registration with the College.
	Guiding Legislation	All aspects of this policy will be managed in accordance with the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> , the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i> , the Registration Regulation and the College's Examinations Program Policy.
	Order of Completion	A candidate will be permitted to sit the College's registration examinations in any order, within the limitations of exam availability.
NPLEX	Recognition	The College shall cease to recognize the NPLEX 2 (Clinical Sciences) as of April 1, 2019 and the NPLEX 1 (Biomedical) as of May 15, 2021. After April 1, 2019, Applicants will have to have completed NPLEX 1 and the College's Clinical Sciences examination, in addition to the Clinical (Practical) Examinations in order to qualify for registration with the College. After November 15, 2020, in order to qualify for registration with the College, Applicants will have to have completed: - The NPLEX 1 on a date that is before November 15, 2020, or the College's Biomedical Examination; and, - Both the College's Clinical Sciences Examination and the Clinical (Practical) Examinations. After May 15, 2021, Applicants will have to have completed both the College's Biomedical and Clinical Sciences examinations, in addition to the Clinical (Practical) Examinations, in order to qualify for registration with the College.

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Unsuccessful Attempts at the NPLEX

A candidate who has attempted the NPLEX, or part thereof, and was unsuccessful, shall not have such attempts considered as an attempt of either the Clinical Sciences or Biomedical examinations for the purpose of registering with the College.

As such, a candidate who has failed one or more of the NPLEX parts shall have the maximum amount of three (3) attempts at the Clinical Sciences and Biomedical exams.

2 Year Requirement

Notwithstanding the recognition of an Applicant's successful completion of the NPLEX for the purposes of the College's Biomedical and Clinical Sciences examinations, where a period of 2 years or more has passed since an Applicant completed their CNME-accredited education, the Applicant shall be required to be assessed by a panel of the Registration Committee to determine whether any refresher program or additional education or training is required [section 5(2)(b) of the Ontario Regulation 84/14 (Registration)].

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