



SOUTHWEST COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

2004/2005 General Admission Requirements

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences selects candidates for admission who exhibit the necessary motivation, intelligence, perseverance and character essential for physicians. Applicants are considered on the basis of academic performance, occupational history, professional potential, maturity, concern for others, and previous experience with and knowledge of natural medicine. Prospective students who wish to enter the degree program must **complete and submit the following general admission requirements:**

1. Completed a **baccalaureate degree (or equivalent)** prior to matriculation. Total post-secondary course work must meet a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be completed at a regionally accredited or candidate college or university on the list entitled, "Accredited Institutions of Post-Secondary Education," authorized and published by the American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, N.W. Washington D.C. 0036
2. Completed the following **academic prerequisite course work** with a minimum GPA of 3.0 at a regionally accredited or candidate college or university prior to matriculation into the N.D. program. (Applicants with science courses older than 10 years must demonstrate competency in the discipline(s) in question to the Admissions Office and will be evaluated on a case by case basis).

Academic Prerequisite Course Work:

- 12 semester credits in Biology with lab (course must be at science major level)
- 8 semester credits in Chemistry with lab (course must be at science major level)
- 4 semester credits in Organic Chemistry (w/lab)
- One college level course in Physics is required for candidates applying for Admission for Fall 2004 or admission thereafter. Course must be algebra based, lab is optional. It is highly recommended that course content include mechanics, vectors, electricity, thermal physics, and fluid statics and dynamics.
- 6 semester credits in Psychology-Developmental Psychology is recommended.
- 6 semester credits in English (3 credits must be in English Composition)
- 6 semester credits in Humanities (Philosophy, religious studies, fine arts, history, foreign languages, women's studies, performing arts).

Prerequisite Courses for the Naturopathic Medicine Degree

Area	Credits Required (semester credits)	Additional Information (1 sem. Credit = 1.5 qtr. credits)
Biology*	12	*12 Biology (w/lab, must be science major level course)
Chemistry*	12	*8 Chemistry (w/lab, must be science major level course) *4 Organic Chemistry (w/lab, must be science major level course)
Physics*	3	Course must be algebra based, lab is optional. Recommended content includes mechanics, vectors, electricity, thermal physics, and fluid statics and dynamics.
English	6	3 credits must be in English Composition
Humanities	6	Philosophy, religious studies, fine arts, history, foreign languages, women's studies, performing arts.
Psychology	6	Developmental Psychology is recommended

Applicants with science courses older than 10 years must demonstrate competency to the Admissions Department and will be evaluated on an individual basis.*

Additional recommended course-work for applicants considering the ND Program:

In addition to the academic prerequisite course work, highly recommended course work includes Biochemistry, Medical Terminology. Recommended course work includes Developmental Psychology, Nutrition, Genetics, Biomedical Ethics, Computers, College Algebra, Counseling, Botany, Statistics, Philosophy of Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Embryology, Plant Identification, Latin and Spanish.

1. Knowledge of **computers and access to a reliable computer** and software for use in completing college course work. For more information, contact the Admissions Department.
2. Submission of **application and application review**. Following receipt of all required materials and credentials, the Admissions Office will contact those applicants selected to interview with the Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee will review applications, interview candidates for admission, and make admission decisions.

Applications may be accepted as early as one year prior to the anticipated date of enrollment. We encourage applicants to apply as early as possible for admission. SCNM has a *rolling admissions deadline*. This means you can apply anytime you like up to one year in advance of a start date. However, the last date for submitting an application is July 1 for the fall class and January 1 for the spring class. Admission is offered on a space available basis. Prospective students who wish to enter the ND degree program must complete the application materials and meet all application requirements outlined here:

- Application form and four personal essays
- Non-refundable application fee \$65.00.
- Three letters of recommendation mailed directly to the College
 - one academic (may use continuing education)
 - one occupational
 - one health care/personal
- Professional Resume and current photo
- Proof of admission prerequisite course work through official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- In person interview (Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted by the Admissions Office)

International Applicants must also satisfy additional requirements:

3. International transcript evaluation/translation by professional International Transcript Service (required for all foreign course-work)
4. A Financial Guarantee form, proving adequate resources to cover anticipated cost of study
5. A score of at least 550 on the written Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) (or 213 on computer test)

The above list indicates minimum requirements but it should not be inferred that admission is probable for any applicant who meets them.