



THE CANADIAN COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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The Honourable Diane Cunningham
Minister of Training, Colleges & Universities
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Dear Minister Cunningham:

On June 4, 2003 The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM) presented a proposal for consideration by the Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board to be accorded the privilege of granting a Master of Applied Science (Naturopathic Medicine) degree within the framework of the *Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*.

CCNM wishes to modify that proposal by adjusting the appellation to "Bachelor of Naturopathic Medicine" (BNM). This change emerges from the ongoing counsel of the Secretariat as we develop our proposal. The regulations and guidelines contemplate nomenclature which will not conflict with government policy about protected title for health care practitioners who are permitted to use the title "doctor". Because the naturopathic profession has not to date completed its migration in Ontario from the Drugless Practitioners' Act to the Regulated Health Professions Act such that exemption for use of the protected title, "doctor", within the RHPA is possible, and because a first professional degree, second entry credential is a baccalaureate, the M.A.Sc. terminology does not accomplish the intended goal of acknowledging the excellent naturopathic medical training received by NDs within the same framework as other primary health care professions.

Until that point when the naturopathic profession is successful in a transition to the RHPA, and the nomenclature issue related to use of the term "doctor" is resolved, the BNM credential is a more appropriate reflection of the government's objective within the *Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*. At the appropriate future date CCNM would reapply to your office for a revision of the credential name to *Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine*.

CCNM wishes to commend the PEQAB Secretariat under the leadership of Dr. Don Baker for its excellent support and counsel in this complex, important refinement of post-secondary credentialing for Ontario students. We have worked closely with the PEQAB team to effect the editorial modifications throughout the proposal which reflect this appellation change.

Sincerely,

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