

PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP

Section 401 - This requirement for licensure shall be waived upon documented proof the candidate is:

- a. Currently licensed as an Allopathic, Chiropractic, Homeopathic or Oriental Medicine Doctor; or
- b. Currently licensed as a Psychotherapist or Mental Health Counselor and has completed 100 clock hours of practice as a biofeedback or neurofeedback professional; or
- c. Has completed a minimum of 500 clock hours of practice as a traditional naturopath.

Section 402 - Candidates shall complete a naturopathy internship of 500 documented hours under the supervision of an accredited college or university; or under the supervision of a qualified naturopathy supervisor approved by the Commission:

- a. Prior to commencing this naturopathy internship the candidate shall have completed the requirements of Section 103; and
- b. Candidates shall have either completed or be in the process of completing the requirements of Sections 104 and 105; and
- c. Candidates shall document the name of the supervisor or group of supervisors being used for each client during the internship; and
- d. Candidates shall document the name of their client with a code known only to the candidate; and
- e. Candidate shall keep a running log of the number of hours under supervision by listing the date, client code, supervisor's name or group name, the amount of time spent with each client; and the amount of time spent with the supervisor; and
- f. Candidates licensed as either nurses or psychotherapists are required to complete only 100 hours of the naturopathy internship.

Section 403 - Candidates shall be supervised by a qualified and approved naturopathy supervisor or group of supervisors, including:

- a. A licensed allopathic medical doctor, licensed chiropractor whose scope of practice includes or does not exclude naturopathy, a licensed psychotherapist whose scope of practice includes or does not exclude naturopathy, or a licensed veterinarian; or
- b. A licensed, certified or otherwise credentialed chiropractic assistant, dental assistant, physicians assistant or veterinarians assistant with more than 500 documented hours of experience as a naturopath and under the supervision of a professional qualified under Section 402; or

- c. A licensed counselor, exercise physiologist, registered dietician, homeopath, hypnotist, naturopath, nutritionist, occupational therapist, oriental medicine practitioner, physical therapist, registered nurse, rehabilitation therapist, respiratory therapist, special education teacher, speech pathologist, or sports medicine practitioner with more than 500 documented hours of experience as a naturopath who also completes an approved course on coaching, mentoring or supervision; or
- d. The staff of an accredited college or university, or
- e. A practicing traditional naturopath approved by the Commission.

Section 404 - To be accredited as a supervision course, that course must contain the following elements:

- a. Shadowing two or more practicing Licensed Traditional Naturopaths so the candidate may observe their clinical skills; and
- b. Decreasing amounts of supervision from constant supervision to intermittent supervision and finally to occasional supervision over the span of one to one hundred client sessions or more; and
- c. Empowering the candidate through a process of mentoring and clinical coaching until the candidate is able to be self-monitoring and competently independent.