

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE OATHS

Naturopathic Physicians Oath

Students in the ND program are expected to adhere to the Naturopathic Physician's Oath. Students graduating from the ND program will recite the Naturopathic Physician's Oath at the Commencement Ceremony.

I dedicate myself to the service of humanity as a practitioner of the art and science of Naturopathic Medicine.

I will honor my teachers and all who have preserved and developed this knowledge and dedicate myself to supporting the growth and evolution of Naturopathic Medicine. I will endeavor to continually improve my abilities as a healer through study, reflection, and genuine concern for humanity. I will impart knowledge of the advanced healing arts to dedicated colleagues and students.

Through precept, lecture, and example, I will assist and encourage others to strengthen their health, reduce risks for disease, and preserve the health of our planet for ourselves, our families, and future generations. According to my best ability and judgment, I will use methods of treatment that follow the principles of Naturopathic Medicine:

- **Primum Non Nocere** – First of all, to do no harm.
- **Vis Medicatrix Naturae** – To act in cooperation with the Healing Power of Nature.
- **Tolle Causam** – To address the fundamental causes of disease.
- **Tolle Totum** – To heal the whole person through individualized treatment.
- **Docere** – To teach the principles of healthy living and preventative medicine.
- **Praevenire** – Prevention is the best cure.

I will conduct my life and the practice of Naturopathic health care with vigilance, integrity, and freedom from prejudice. I will abstain from voluntary acts of injustice and corruption. I will keep confidential whatever I am privileged to witness, whether professionally or privately, that should not be divulged.

With my whole heart, before this gathering of witnesses, as a Physician [Student] of Naturopathic Medicine, I pledge to remain true to this oath.

*American Association of Naturopathic Physicians 1992, Position Papers (<https://naturopathic.org/page/PositionPapers/>).

Naturopathic Medical Student Professionalism Oath

Signed upon Sonoran University clinical care facilities entry

I will dedicate myself at all times to being the consummate professional that my calling as a naturopathic physician warrants. I vow to hold dear ethical integrity; honesty, both academic and otherwise; respect for others, tolerance for alternative views; and professionalism in behavior and dress (as outlined in the Student Handbook, Student Professionalism & Behavior Expectations (<https://catalog.sonoran.edu/student-handbook/code-professional-conduct-academic-honor/>)).

student-professionalism-behavior-expectations/), and for ND students, found in My Sonoran's, Clinical Handbook (https://my.sonoran.edu/ICS/icsfs/SonoranUniversity_2022-2023-ClinicalHandbook.pdf?target=1f2cc701-2004-43de-bfa4-918315453a39)).

I affirm never to act without the permission of my supervising physician on any issues of patient care. I will not be a party to unprofessional or illegal conduct such as criminal behavior, sexual misconduct, inappropriate remarks, breaking patient confidentiality, unauthorized absence or tardiness, discourteous treatment of others, and/or other behaviors as defined in the Student and the Clinical Handbook.

I understand that any violation of this oath is subject to one or more of the following: verbal and/or written warning, probation, expulsion, or other possible disciplinary action. I further affirm that Sonoran University of Health Sciences by law is required to report unprofessional or criminal student conduct that occurs during the clinical training to the State of Arizona Naturopathic Physicians Medical Board.