

## RESTRICTED TITLES

### Intent

To advise Registrants with respect to the titles that may be used.

### Definitions

**Credentials:** A term for a variety of degrees, qualifications, or designations, etc. granted by agencies including professional associations, academic institutions, and educational bodies.

**Restricted Title:** A professional designation authorized and protected by law, which may only be issued by the regulatory body.

### STANDARD 1

*The Registrant uses the title associated with the certificate of registration as issued by the College of Naturopaths of Ontario.*

A Registrant demonstrates the standard by:

- using the restricted titles Naturopath or Naturopathic Doctor in English or Naturopathe or Docteur(e) en naturopathie in French or using the abbreviation ND in English or DN in French,
- using equivalent terms in any other language,
- ensuring the restricted title directly follows their name when used in writing; (i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND or Dr. Mary Smith, Naturopathic Doctor),
- using the Inactive title when holding an Inactive Certificate of Registration with the College of Naturopaths of Ontario: (i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND (Inactive)),
- using other College granted titles when required (i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND (retired), Dr. Mary Smith, ND (Non-Clinical),
- opting to use appropriate additional titles; (i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND, Dr. of Naturopathic Medicine or Doctor Mary Smith, Naturopathic Doctor, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine), and
- using “Doctor”, Dr.” in English or “Docteur(e)”, “Dr.” in French in front of their name provided the appropriate restricted title directly follows the Registrant's name when used in writing.

### STANDARD 2

*The Registrant may choose to use other credentials which they are legally permitted to use.*

*When a Registrant engages in the practice of naturopathic medicine, this credential use will occur in conjunction with the naturopathic title.*

A Registrant demonstrates the standard by:

- choosing to use other credentials in addition to their naturopathic title and ensuring that any additional credentials are presented accurately, honestly, and in accordance with any legal restrictions on their use. (i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND, Bsc),
- not using a term, title or designation that is a protected title for another regulated health profession, i.e., ‘physician’, and
- not using a term, title, or designation indicating or implying a specialization in an area of practice of the profession except in accordance with any formal specialist recognition program of the College. (i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND, FABNO is not currently permitted), e.g., family practice, oncologists etc.