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Doctor of Naturopathy: A Brief Review of Licensing and Why You Don't Need It April 2016

International Licensing and Certification

For international practitioners of naturopathy, you will need to consult your home countries rules and regulations, but in most cases, no license is required to practice alternative medicine as a Doctor of Naturopathy, and to treat patients.

Licensing in the USA

There are many lucrative careers for graduates of the **Blue Marble University Doctor of Naturopathy** program that do not require licensing, and in fact most states do not require licensing of naturopathic physicians at this time.

Licensing and certification of naturopaths in the United States is still quite messy. For example, while California and Idaho require naturopathic physicians to be licensed, yet, unlicensed practitioners of closely aligned homeopathy are allowed to practice without being "licensed".

The **Blue Marble University Doctor of Naturopathy Degree does NOT lead to licensing as a naturopathic physician in the USA, because our online program is not accredited by American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP), and in fact no online program is accredited nor ever likely to be.**

Only 16 States currently require a Naturopathic Physician to be licensed:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington

The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) is trying to get laws passed to require licensing in all 50 states, but is doubtful, because new lobbies have been created to protect a patient's rights to alternative therapies. There is a growing push back from patient advocacy

groups seeking to ensure that alternative remedies remain outside of regulation and away from the requirement to seek services of a licensed naturopath.

In order to become licensed, one must graduate from one of the 7 naturapathic medical schools accredited by the AANP, and they charge about \$25,000 USD per year plus books, and require 4 years of study. For it's three year online program, **Blue Marble University** charges \$3,950 USD with payment plan; or \$3500 USD advance lump sum payment per year. And that cost *includes all text books and learning resources*.

But even in those states requiring licensure, you are not barred from using your Doctor of Naturopathy degree so long as you are not treating patients directly, for example if you are aligned with a health care provider offering patients "integrative therapy" or "complementary therapy" or "holistic therapy". Patients now want alternative approaches, and physicians are actively seeking naturopaths to complement their medical practices.

Certifications by Industry Organizations

While "certification" as a holistic provider, or as an alternative medicine provider will not mean you are licensed in those states requiring a license to treat patients, they do offer a level of comfort to patients, and you can likely become certified with a degree from **Blue Marble University** by some industry organizations which are international in scope, certainly after a couple of years of experience.

In Summary

If you want to be able to ***treat patients*** with alternative remedies in your own individual practice, then best to pursue your education at an accredited naturopathic school that will lead to licensing. But if you are interested in participating in the other 99% of alternative medicine, which can include helping patients by partnering with other health care providers, please give our program a look. Leave the licensing and medical malpractice insurance to someone else! Fulfill a complementary role in patient care, or carve out your own counselling and wellness center

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