



SOUTHWEST COLLEGE OF

SCNM

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Applying *to*
Naturopathic Medical School

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine

- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine founded in 1992
- Total Student Population of 330
- Four Year Residential Program in Naturopathic Medicine
- Two Intakes a Year
 - *Spring Class (25 – 40)*
 - *Fall Class (60 - 75)*
- Accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools



Admissions Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5 in all post-secondary work
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all prerequisite course-work



Admissions Requirements

Prerequisite Coursework:

- Biology 12 credit semester hours w/lab, for science majors
- Chemistry 12 credit semester hours w/lab, for science majors: 4 credit semester hours must be Organic Chemistry
- Physics one college level course (algebra based)
- Humanities 6 credit semester hours
- Psychology 6 credit semester hours
- English 6 credit semester hours



Application Process

Application:

- Application Fee
- Three Letters of Recommendation
 - One Academic (*professor, instructor, continuing ed.*)
 - One Occupational (*supervisor, co-worker*)
 - One Personal/Health (*physician, peer, co-worker*)



SOUTHWEST COLLEGE OF

SCNM

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Application Process

- Personal Essay
- Professional Resume including employment, community service volunteer work, etc.
- Transcripts from all post-secondary educational institutions attended



Application Process

Successfully Complete Interview Cycle:

- Academic/Professional Interview
 - Conducted by a basic science faculty member and a naturopathic physician
- Personal/Life Plan Interview
 - Conducted by the VP of Enrollment or Dean of Students and a current naturopathic medical student



Application Tips

- Request official transcripts from all college/universities attended early in application process.
 - Can take up to 4-6 weeks
- Complete application, resume, essays.
 - Online application requires signed application agreement statement
- Review any outstanding prerequisite course-work with Admissions Representative.
 - Plan ahead, some courses must be taken sequentially.



Application Tips

- Contact references to write your letters of recommendation.
- Most importantly - contact us if you have any questions – that is what we are here for!



Candidate Profile

	SCNM
Cumulative GPA	3.30
Prereq GPA	3.56
Average Age	30
Gender- Male	28%
Gender- Female	72%
Advanced Degree Standing	4%





SCNM Strengths

Southwest College, our students, and our graduates are positioning naturopathic medicine to play an increasing role in the health care system. We are leading the profession into the future.

- **Leaders in the Profession**

- Women's Medicine Program, Environmental Medicine Program
- First Career Center in Naturopathic College – goal of placement
- Integrative clinical experience with NDs, MDs and DOs
- Wide Scope of Practice in Arizona (Widest in US)
- 100% naturopathic medicine focus

- **Innovation**

- Curriculum is comprehensive and includes a strong number of hours in each naturopathic modality.
- Science based curriculum
- Technology in Classrooms, Clinic, Library
- Research Focus (All students have option of completing research project)

SCNM Strengths

- **Quality Faculty**

- 20 Full-time faculty
- ND faculty have an average of 17 years experience in medicine
- Basic Science Faculty: PhD, MD, DC, ND, DO
- Faculty engaged in Research

- **Community**

- Student Involvement in committees, organizations, clubs, etc.
- NPAC (Naturopathic Public Awareness Campaign)
- Accessibility of Faculty and Staff
- Small community (14:1 student/faculty ratio)
- Selective Admissions Process (3 applications for every one seat)
- Rigorous program/quality students (100% must pass NPLEX Basic Science Boards to graduate)



Candidate Profile - Demographics

Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges
(AANMC)

- Age 20 - 35
- Female and Male
- “Second career” in health professions
- U.S., Canada, International



Candidate Profile - Psychographics

Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) study found:

- Health-oriented
- Tend to think “outside the box”
- Want to impact medicine, change “over-drugged” orientation
- Compassionate/people-oriented
- Enthusiastic
- Environmentally-minded
- Interested in athletics/outdoor recreation
- Active community volunteer
- Proactive and seek challenges/opportunities



Contact Us

Website: www.scnm.edu

Phone: 888.882.7266 (toll-free)
480-858-9100 (local)

E-mail: admissions@scnm.edu

