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## **The Only Naturopathic Medical School in Western Canada Opens New Campus**



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The Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine in New Westminster is celebrating the purchase of new facilities and five years of successful operation. Located at the Columbia Sky Train Station, the Institute provides a naturopathic clinic open to the public. Senior students see patients under the supervision of a licensed naturopathic doctor.

Naturopathic Medicine is a science-based alternative medicine approach to healthcare that combines state-of-the-art scientific research with evidence-based traditional healing systems. Some of its most basic representations include botanical medicine, physical medicine (massage and hydrotherapy, exercise, spinal adjustments), oriental medicine, acupuncture, homeopathy, and environmental assessments. The art of the naturopathic physician is the ability to synthesize a broad body of knowledge with the patient's concerns and lifestyle, and assist the body's natural healing processes.

Naturopathic Medicine has been a regulated profession in BC since the 1930s through the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC. All licensed naturopathic physicians have over 20 years of formal education: three or more years of university, including basic sciences, prior to the successful completion of an intensive four-year full-time approved ND training program and licensing board examinations.

The Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine is one of six naturopathic medicine colleges in North America approved or accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education. [www.cnme.org](http://www.cnme.org) as well as a member of the Association for Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges of North America [www.aamnc.org](http://www.aamnc.org)

To celebrate this milestone in the Institute's history, the public is invited to attend a grand opening on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4:00pm, at the Institute's new Campus (435 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC) at the Columbia Sky Train Station.

Come have a tour of the school, explanations of each of the five naturopathic medical modalities, a free "Health Passport" and refreshments. The ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:00pm will be hosted by Boucher Institute President, Dr. Patricia Wolfe, ND, followed by prize draws and the inevitable speeches.

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