

Guidance

Additional Training for Previously Certified Practice Areas: Naturopathic Medicine





Effective April 1, 2026, the activities that were previously authorized through certifications will no longer require a College-issued certification. These activities are not newly introduced and do not represent an expansion of naturopathic medicine scope of practice. Rather, the change reflects a shift in how these areas of practice are authorized under the *Health Professionals and Occupations Act* (HPOA) bylaws. Authorization will be embedded within the naturopathic medicine scope of practice and bylaws instead of being tied to individual certifications.

Licensees may practise within these previously certified areas provided the activities fall within the naturopathic medicine scope of practice and the licensee meets all applicable professional and clinical practice standards. As with all aspects of practice, licensees are responsible for ensuring they have the appropriate education, training, and competence to provide safe patient care.

The removal of certifications does not remove professional accountability. In the event of a concern or complaint, the College will assess a licensee's practice based on whether professional and clinical practice standards were met and whether the licensee demonstrated appropriate knowledge, skill, and clinical judgment in the care provided. Licensees are expected to continue exercising professional judgment and self-assessing competence when deciding whether to engage in any area of practice.

Licensees who provide any activities involving previously certified practices must:

- Possess a current certification in advanced life support.
- Hold certification in prescriptive authority.
 - If the provision of the practice involves the prescription, dispensing, compounding or administration of prescription drugs
 - If the provision of the emergency response to an adverse event involves the prescription or administration of prescription drugs
- Undertake appropriate additional training, in alignment with the Professional Standard: Scope of Practice and own knowledge, competency, and experience
- Gain competence in performing lower risk activities prior to engaging in higher risk activities.



Previously Certified Practice Areas

Acupuncture

Licensees who provide acupuncture services are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- Completion of a Naturopathic Medical/Traditional Chinese Medicine Acupuncture program that includes:
 - Minimum of 50 hours of supervised clinical training; and
 - Evidence of a minimum of 200 hours of study in traditional Chinese medicine, which includes:
 - Syndrome differentiation and formulation of point prescriptions;
 - Traditional acupuncture anatomy, physiology and pathology; and
 - Acupuncture and Moxibustion techniques and point location.

Advanced Injections

Licensees who provide advanced injections, including prolotherapy, platelet rich plasma (PRP) solutions, viscosupplement solutions, and corticosteroids) into a joint, are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- 16 hours of training related to advanced injections
- 8 hours of practical/hands on training
- Course content consisting of:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Clinical application, including contraindications
 - Safety
 - Sterile technique
 - Complication procedures/adverse events
 - Emergency management



Botulinum Toxin Injections

Licensees who provide botulinum toxin injections, including for aesthetic and therapeutic purposes, are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- 16 hours in training on cosmetic and/or therapeutic botulinum toxin
- 8 hours of practical/hands on training on a live model
- Instructor to student ratio of less than or equal to 1:6
- Course content consisting of:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Aesthetic or therapeutic use of botulinum toxin and clinical applications, including contraindications
 - Safety
 - Sterile technique
 - Complication procedures/adverse events
 - Emergency management

Injectable Fillers

Licensees who provide injectable fillers, including hyaluronic acid fillers, biostimulators and threads for aesthetic purposes, are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- 16 hours in injections of dermal fillers in the face or other areas for an aesthetic purpose
- 8 hours hands on demonstration in utilizing both cannulas and needles on a live model.
- Instructor to student ratio of less than or equal to 1:4
- Course content consisting of:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Clinical application, including contraindications
 - Safety
 - Sterile technique



- Complication procedures/adverse events
- Emergency management

Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) injections

Licensees who provide PRP injections to the face and other skin areas for aesthetic purposes are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- 16 hours on PRP injections to the face and other skin areas for aesthetic purposes, in injections of PRP immediately below the dermis of the face, neck, scalp, and hands for aesthetic purposes.
- 8 hours of practical/hands on training
- Instructor to student ratio of less than or equal to 1:6
- Course content consisting of:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Clinical application, including contraindications
 - Safety
 - Sterile technique
 - Complication procedures/adverse events
 - Emergency management

Immunization

Licensees who prescribe, dispense or administer immunizations are expected to:

- Hold certification in Prescriptive Authority
- Complete the BCCBC [Immunization Competency Course](#)
- Possess the BCCDC Immunizations Competencies
- Follow BCCDC [Decision Support Tools](#)



Intrauterine Device (IUD)

Licensees who provide IUDs, including insertion and removal, are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- A minimum of three (3) years clinical experience
- Theoretical training regarding insertion and removal of IUDs including:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Clinical application, including contraindications
 - Safety
 - Sterile technique
 - Complication procedures/adverse events
 - Emergency management
 - Risk factors, specifically treating IUD related risks
- Practical training including, at minimum:
 - administration of paracervical block
 - insertion of at least 8 IUDs
 - removal of at least 2 IUDs
 - ultrasound of the uterus for IUD management

Intravenous (IV) Therapy

Licensees who provide IV therapy, including IV therapies and IV chelation, are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- 16 hours on IV therapeutics
- 5 hours practical/hands on training
- Course content consisting of:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Clinical application, including contraindications
 - Safety



- Sterile technique
- Complication procedures/adverse events
- Emergency management

Ozone & Oxidative Therapies

Licensees who provide ozone and oxidative therapies, includes providing therapies involving ozone, hydrogen peroxide, intravenous (IV) ultraviolet therapy, and other invasive oxidative therapies, are expected to have the following minimum additional training:

- 16 hours of training on oxidative therapies relevant to the aspect(s) of oxidative therapies provided by the licensee
- 4 hours practical training directly related to the aspect(s) of oxidative therapies provided by the licensee
- Course content consisting of:
 - Relevant anatomy
 - Clinical application, including contraindications
 - Safety
 - Sterile technique
 - Complication procedures/adverse events
 - Emergency management