

PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

DOCTOR OF NATURAL MEDICINE (DNM)
BIOENERGETIC DOCTORATE (BD)
DOCTOR OF SACRED MEDICINE (DSM)

These Professional Degree Programs reflect three levels or tripartite orders of a healing ministry. The "Sacred" means set apart for a holy purpose.

DOCTOR OF NATURAL MEDICINE (DNM)

DNMs prefer a vitalist Bioenergetic Model. Natural Medicine is often called Vital Energy Medicine. The word medicine does not refer to drugs, but the Native American term for "power" and is based on indigenous medicine such as that practiced by ancient cultures, including Native American medicine. It traces its history to the 12th century to Paracelsus, who is considered the "Father of Natural Medicine" who advocated using natural methods of healing to stimulate the Vital Life Force (Bioenergy) in the human body to heal itself (self-regulation). He was convinced that the best way to stay healthy was to live a simple, natural lifestyle in harmony with nature for healing.

Modern day DNMs study anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, biochemistry, Bioenergetics, nutrition, exercise, herbals, homeopathy, various mind, and body techniques such as mediation, and visualization, affirmations, the use of sound, and light (especially sunlight and full spectrum light), traditional biofeedback, relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, and reflex techniques, as well as light percussion, nutrition, herbals, Voll technology, and professional ethics. Natural Medicine places importance on "Nature relatedness" and "Nature connectivity" and sees many health imbalances as a "Nature Deficit Syndrome".

Natural Medicine sees Bioenergetic imbalances as determining factors such as poor mental health behavioral excesses, toxins, physical excesses, as well as deficiencies. The main determining factor is often spiritual, as in violating a spiritual principle resulting in guilt, such as lying, cheating, stealing, unfaithfulness, lack of purpose in life, lack of community involvement, lack of connectivity to nature, or to a higher power than oneself.



The emphasis on the spiritual determining cause of illness is somewhat unique to DNMs, most of whom are also often ordained clerics with a ministry in natural healing methods. In fact, most DNMs claim a divine or religious right to practice natural medicine and cite the Holy Scriptures as the basis for that religious right, noting that there are over 600 scriptural verses that mention herbs or herbal oils, given to humanity, for healing by God; Ezekiel 47:12; Revelations 22:2. Even Auricular Therapy is mentioned in the Bible, Leviticus 14:17.

(Dr. Stewart BS, DNM, an ordained minister, and author of "The Healing Oils of the Bible").

Bioenergetic imbalances are seen as causing either too much energy or not enough energy in certain areas of the body. The goal of the DNM is to help the client to self-regulate such energy. DNMs are taught to refer and work with other healthcare practitioners and to not represent who they are as anything but a DNM.

The DNM is a recognized healthcare practitioner throughout the world, including by WHO and is not to be confused with the ND, or NMD. NDs seek licensure by states, and DNMs prefer not to be licensed.

BIOENERGETIC DOCTORATE (BD)

The BD (Bioenergetic Doctor), the second sacred order of the healing ministry, embraces Natural Medicine, with a special emphasis on Bioenergetic philosophy, science and practice (art). Its philosophical roots are deep and very ancient, in accordance with most indigenous traditions of the priest/ physician. This philosophical tradition embraces the mother of all sciences, the Celestial Science, specifically Astral Stellar Medicine. Just as Traditional Chinese Medicine embraces the concept of Heavenly Qi heavenly energy) so does Bioenergetic Medicine. And similarly, the BD recognizes the innate Bioenergy, or Vital Life Force in all living organisms, including human beings. Indeed, as Native Americans often say, "all our relations". The BD does not see a person as sick because he or she has a disease, but, instead, sees the person as having a disease, because the person is sick. This "sickness" is the prime disease, the fundamental Dis-ease, meaning out of balance. The Vital Life Force or Bioenergy ("bio", meaning, life) is out of balance. In modern scientific terms, the individual is out of homeostasis, which is controlled by the individual's nervous system, that, in turn can result in one or more diseases. The goal of Bioenergetic Medicine is to restore this balance, not treat a vast array of medical diseases. Once balance is restored diseases often disappear, according to Bioenergetic philosophy. The Science of Bioenergetic Medicine is the study and application (Art) of Bioenergetic modalities that include electromagnetic, light, and sound modalities to name a few.



DOCTOR OF SACRED MEDICINE (DSM)

The DSM order completes the Sacred Triplicity levels. This third order can be likened to what is often called the theologian in various religions. The DSM is the recognized teacher of Natural Wholistic Bioenergetic Medicine, the Bioenergetic Philosopher. He or she, in addition, to his or her healing ministry, is the sacred counselor and can perform the sacred rites should he or she so chose. One cannot reach this level without having attained the previous two, the DNM and the BD. Thus, the DSM is a Tripartite degree, requiring three degrees, DNM, BD, and DSM. Certain individuals, however, recognized by IBEM may be awarded an honorary DSM based on experience, knowledge, and his or her contribution to society. IBEM, in keeping with indigenous spiritual tradition does not charge for the DSM degree.

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

All Doctoral candidates must complete the first year of the Auricular and Biofeedback programs. They must also complete and pass the Auriculotherapy Certification International (ACI) exam and Diploma Basic Biofeedback Practitioner Exam before being eligible to continue into the second year of the doctorate program.

It is important to note that our program is dynamic. We will add and remove courses as needed to stay current with evidence-based science in natural health.

NOTE: The second year also leads to the advanced level of Traditional Biofeedback and the Certified Biofeedback Practitioner (CBP) exam.

Dissertation

In addition to the required coursework for the BD, DNM and DSM, a dissertation must be completed for these degrees. The dissertation is to be completed in the fourth year. The dissertation topic is to be approved by a member of the dissertation committee. Dissertation guidelines and template are provided by IBEM faculty to be used for completion of this requirement.

FALL SYMPOSIUM



Each year IBEM in the month of October, unless otherwise posted, presents an educational symposium and workshop that offers continuing educational training to both graduates of IBEM and students in Medicine Way and Voll technology. New advanced information and other subject matter determined by the IBEM Board of Directors is also included.

For those who attend this event each year for three years and those who pass the final exam, will receive a certificate issued by IBEM in "Clinical Competency in the Medicine Way and Voll technology".

Please note: Starting in 2023, the Fall Symposium will be required for every student to attend whether you are local or at a distance. We will make special accommodations for our International students if traveling is not an option.

During the Fall Symposium will be conducting a "Skills Blitz" which is your opportunity to demonstrate your skill level and receive developmental feedback. If you are unable to attend the "Skills Blitz", then you will be expected to complete an online practicum.



IBEM DOCTORATE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

SECOND YEAR COURSES

		LE	L	R/SS	CL	Total Hrs.	Credits
NMBD201	Native American Spirituality Teaching: Stellar Medicine	8	4	48	0	60	4
NMBD202	Native American Herbalism	6	0	24	0	30	2
NMBD203	Biocybernetics Medicine I	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD204	Biocybernetics Medicine II	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD205	Advanced Biofeedback	8	4	48	0	60	4
NMBD206	Bioenergetic Medicine I: Theory in Quantum Physics	6	0	24	0	30	2
NMBD207	Bioenergetic Medicine II: Bio- Resonance Therapy	12	12	96	0	120	8
NMBD208	Biomeridian Balancing, Ryodoraku	3	3	24	0	30	2
NMBD209	Advanced Ryodoraku and Auriculoreflex Evaluation	3	3	24	0	30	2
NMBD210	Aromatherapy (Sacred Smoke)	12	6	72	0	90	6
NMBD211	Chemistry of Essential Oils	9	0	36	0	45	3
NMBD212	Spagyric Medicine	2	1	12	0	15	1
NMBD213	Traditional Western Herbal Medicine I	6	0	24	0	30	2



	TOTAL HOURS	173	58	924	0	1155	77
NMBD224	Advanced Auricular Therapy	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD223	Auricular Therapy and Mental Health	2	1	12	0	15	1
NMBD222	Energy Psychology	6	3	36	0	45	3
NMBD221	Rebounding Therapy	1	2	12	0	15	1
NMBD220	Qi Gong Medicine	9	3	48	0	60	4
NMBD219	Biochemistry	18	0	72	0	90	6
NMBD218	Holistic Anatomy & Physiology	24	0	96	0	120	8
NMBD217	Iridology	12	6	72	0	90	6
NMBD216	Body Signs II	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD215	Body Signs I	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD214	Traditional Western Herbal Medicine II	6	0	24	0	30	2



THIRD YEAR COURSES

		LE	L	R/SS	CL	Total Hrs.	Credits
NMBD301	Science and Art of Prayer & Sacred Ceremony	3	3	24	0	30	2
NMBD302	Indigenous Spiritual Sound and Healing	3	3	24	0	30	2
NMBD303	Medicine Wheel: Practicing Sacred Medicine	3	3	24	0	30	2
NMBD304	Biocybernetics Medicine III	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD305	Biocybernetics Medicine IV	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD306	Bioenergetic Medicine III: Lecher Antenna	3	3	24	0	30	2
NMBD307	Classic Homeopathy	20	4	96	0	120	8
NMBD308	Natural Medicine: Theory and Principle I	10	2	48	0	60	4
NMBD309	Medical Herbalism I	6	6	48	0	60	4
NMBD310	TCM Practice: Cupping/Gua Sha	1	2	12	0	15	1
NMBD311	Asian (TCM) Herbal Medicine	18	0	72	0	90	6
NMBD312	Holistic Nutrition	20	4	96	0	120	8
NMBD313	Pathophysiology	10	2	48	0	60	4
NMBD314	Cranial Sacral Therapy	4	8	48	0	60	4



	TOTAL HOURS	133	52	785	15	985	66
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NMBD320	Counseling Materia Medica for Master Herbalist	0	0	45	15	60	4
NMBD319	Natural Health and Wellness	2	1	12	0	15	1
NMBD318	Holistic Mental Health Counseling	6	3	36	0	45	3
NMBD317	Traditional Western Herbal Medicine III	9	0	36	0	45	3
NMBD316	Body Signs III	6	2	32	0	40	3
NMBD315	Hypnotherapy	1	2	12	0	15	1

FOURTH YEAR COURSES

		LE	L	R/SS	CL	Total Hrs.	Credits
NMBD401	Native American Ministerial Counseling	3	0	12	0	15	1
NMBD402	Native American Sacred Healing Practice	3	0	12	0	15	1
NMBD403	Sacred Medicine Practitioner	3	0	12	0	15	1
NMBD404	Natural Medicine (Theory and Principle) II	10	2	48	0	60	4
NMBD405	Medical Herbalism II	6	6	48	0	60	4



	TOTAL HOURS	41	20	334	250	645	43
NMBD412	Natural/Bioenergetic Doctoral Dissertation (This is outside scheduled class hours)	0	0	90	0	90	6
NMBD411	Clinical Placement/Internship/ Practicum (This is outside scheduled class hours)	0	0	0	250	250	17
NMBD410	Professional Code of Ethics/ Business Marketing	3	0	12	0	15	1
NMBD409	Patient Management	3	0	12	0	15	1
NMBD408	Laser and Magnetic Therapy	4	2	24	0	30	2
NMBD407	Spondylotherapy II	2	10	48	0	60	4
NMBD406	Spondylotherapy I	4	0	16	0	20	1

The Institute of Bioenergetic Medicine (IBEM) provides a comprehensive educational experience in natural health and wellness through evidence-based teaching and practices that combine the most recent scientific evidence with the oldest of spiritual healing traditions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Advisory Board Members, and Faculty, we welcome you to our program and wish you well on your learning journey!