



# The College of Metaphysical Studies

## **School of Natural Healing Studies Bachelor of Natural Healing Studies Standards for Graduation**

The right of graduation from the Natural Healing Studies Education Program is granted when you provide evidence of being prepared to practice the metaphysical/spiritual/natural healing arts profession. This evidence is more than spending a certain length of time in training and completing designated courses. Evidence of being prepared to practice the natural healing studies emphasizes spiritual, mental, and emotional maturity; devotion to a life-style of service to others; metaphysical, spiritual and intellectual clarity about the purpose and meaning of the metaphysical/spiritual/natural healing arts profession; and the demonstrated skills to work effectively with people, organize one's own life, and understand administrative responsibilities appropriate to your chosen field of service. Specific requirements are:

1. The satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 credits of work over a minimum period of three calendar years. This includes the necessary internship of 2.5 credit hours (37.5 contact hours) to be performed during a period of three (3) calendar years.
2. The satisfactory completion of an Associate of Metaphysical Healing Arts and Certification as a CMS Metaphysical Healing Practitioner.
3. Any additional requirements that the faculty may assess as a result of reviews or conferences.
4. All work counted toward the hours required for graduation must be completed with the grade of E (excellent) or S (satisfactory).
5. Evidence of such metaphysical, spiritual, mental, and emotional maturity as will support the judgment, by the faculty, of your readiness and fitness as a metaphysical healing practitioner.
6. Recommendation of the faculty.

Graduation from the CMS natural healing studies program does not mean automatic certification as a natural healing arts practitioner, teacher, or administrator. A student who successfully completes the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a degree entitled Bachelor of Natural Healing Studies. Individual Intern Programs will be customized to the availability of each student by the CMS advisor. Service hours performed will be converted to credit hours and entered on the official student transcript. (See Internship, Licensing and Ordination for Certification Programs).

## **Internship and Certification**

### **Introduction**

Internships are work and service experiences that complement a student's academic program. It directly relates to a student's program of study. Students may begin their internship program after the first year of course work is completed. It should be understood that the internship is designed to test "on site" skills of the student, to place the trainee in a situation requiring accountability to a congregation or other group.

The internship is a 37.5 clock – hour experience (2.5 CH) supervised both by School of Natural Healing Studies faculty and a certified holistic practitioner or ordained minister.

A student who successfully completes the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a diploma entitled Bachelor of Natural Healing Studies. Students may begin their internship program after the first year of course work is completed. If accepted to the program the student will then spend the year developing skills and demonstrating healing ability by performing such healing duties under the supervision of the faculty advisor or a certified healing practitioner or ordained minister. The student is required to perform 37.5 hours (2.5 semester credit hours) of service time as prescribed by the faculty advisor. At the successful completion of the internship program, and upon the recommendation of the faculty advisor, healing practitioner or ordained minister the student will receive their Natural Healing Certification from CMS. The internship might include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Must establish a healing/counseling relationship with a minimum of five individual (or groups of) clients. The healing/counseling sessions must be initialed and dated by the client. The format for the synopsis would include date, time, length of session, individual's and student's signature. The synopsis should be turned in to the college supervisor.
2. Develop and teach a healing workshop.
3. Any combination of the above or other projects approved by the CMS supervisor.

### **Objectives**

To offer College of Metaphysical Studies students:

- a. Assistance in determining spiritual and metaphysical personal and career objectives.
- b. Opportunities to develop a sense of responsibility.
- c. Hands-on practical experience in the school of learning and the workplace.

### **Expectations**

Students will be expected to:

- a. Apply concepts learned in natural healing courses to practical client situations.
- b. Learn to recognize and adapt behavior and dress to identified professional norms.
- c. Expand professional skills by developing techniques and applying methods learned on site.
- d. Communicate appropriately and work effectively with supervisors, co-workers and others.
- e. Model ethical standards and behaviors.
- f. Demonstrate enthusiasm and willingness to give quality work.
- g. Seek and respond positively to suggestions for professional improvement.

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During the year the student should make monthly reports (or arrange monthly conferences) with their supervisor to assess progress.

At the conclusion of the internship, the student is a candidate for the Bachelor of Natural Healing Studies. Certification is not an honor automatically conferred after completing course work and the internship program. The quality of the candidate's work is assessed by CMS. An interview with candidates may be required before bestowing for the Bachelor of Natural Healing Studies, and CMS reserves the right to do so.