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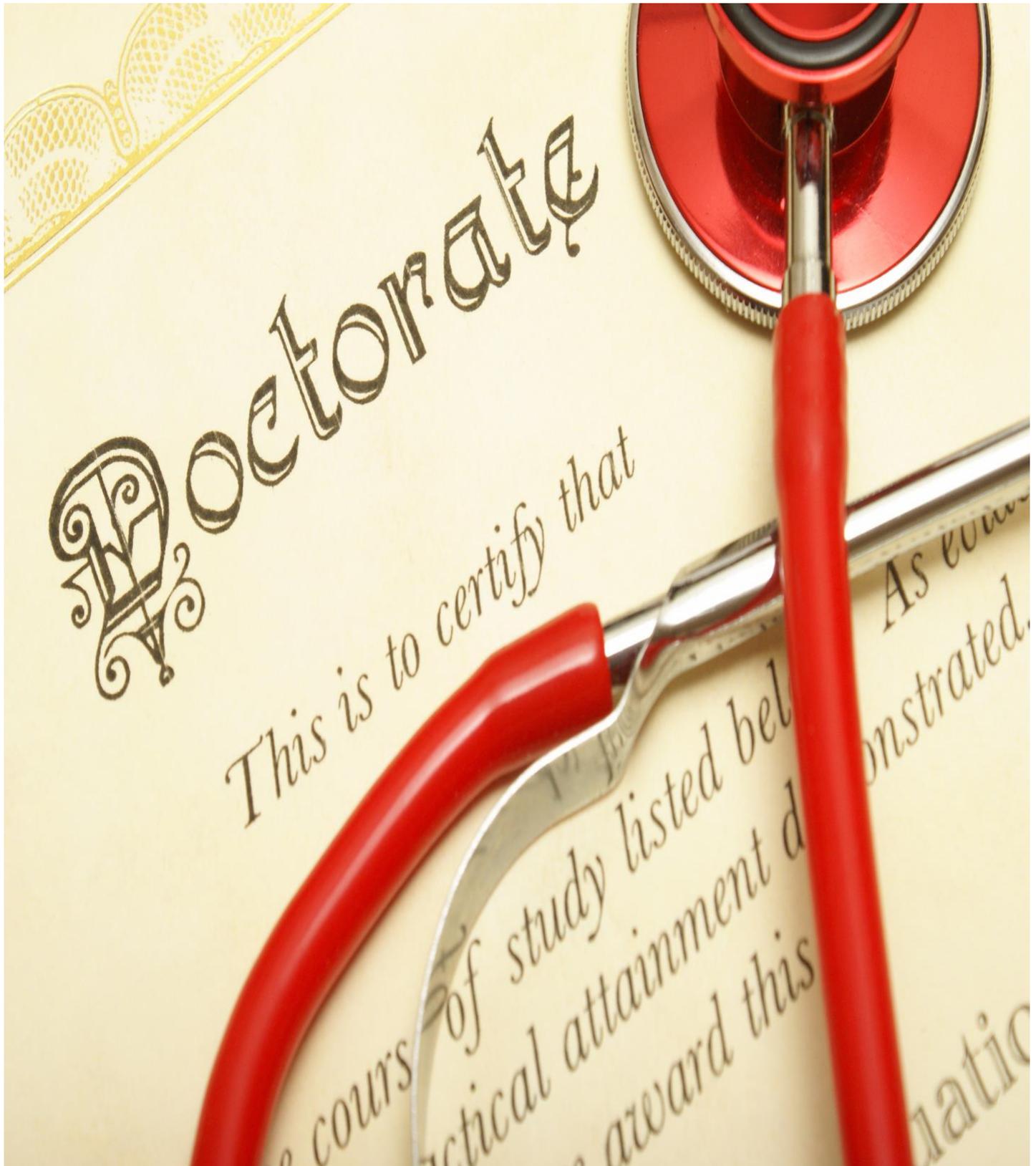
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**& School of Ayurveda Medicine**  
**& School of Integrative Immunity**

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There is no higher motivation than serving your community as a healer and educator, helping people live with less suffering and more quality and function. Moral and Ethical Physicians seek to rejuvenate the health of the healthy and to alleviate the diseases of the sick. At A.C.N.M., we strive to use every available non-invasive tool to do so!



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This catalog is considered complete only with a current catalog supplement and published information available on the college website, [NAIC-edu.org](http://NAIC-edu.org).

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## N.A.I.C. Inc/ American College of Natural Medicine Programs

The A.C.N.M. Program is under the direction and leadership of Prof. Anthony B. James, MSc.(Clinical Herbology), DNM(C), Idaho Registered ND(T), Christian Science Practitioner, MD(AM), DOM(Acu), DPHC(h.c.), Ph.D. (IM), Ph.D. (Hospitalier Medicine h.c.), DMM, RAAP, Doctor of Thai Traditional Medicine (UTTS-Lifetime), MSGR./CHEV., Ordained Native Monsignor, Native Bishop, Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church of the East in Brazil, Dean, Professor, Director of Education and Traditional Medicine, Director of Education and Traditional Medicine, one of the Ayurveda, Traditional Naturopathy (Nature Cure), Thai Yoga Therapy, and Sacred and Indigenous Medicine industry's most respected professionals. Having over 41 years of experience in traditional Native American, oriental bodywork, and western Naturopathic arts and sciences, Dr. James is not only a talented therapist but is also widely respected as an innovative educator and developer of the SomaVeda Integrated Traditional Therapies® method of non-invasive, traditionally based, holistic healing. Dr. James is Chairman, Director, and Chief Instructor of The Native American Indigenous Church, the American College of Natural Medicine, School of Ayurveda Medicine, Thai Yoga Center & College of Integrative Immunity.

The educational programs at A.C.N.M. are comprehensive in their approach to preparing individuals for various positions within the Religious Therapeutic, Pastoral, Ministerial, Counseling, Yoga therapeutic, Ayurvedic, Traditional Naturopathic, Traditional Oriental, and holistic health provider therapy professions and ministries. Components of the program of study include such subjects: Indigenous and Traditional Native American, Traditional Western and Oriental styles of holistic health provider, holistic health services provider principles and techniques, western and Oriental anatomy, safety, indications and contraindications of Natural health provider and counselor, and the effects of religious therapeutic holistic health provider on spirit, mind, emotions, and body systems. Additional intensive coursework includes Herbology, Homeopathy, Vibrational Medicine, Radionics, Health Sciences, and Physics.



Founded in 2011 (Original Certification program since 1983)

Native American Indigenous Church: American College of Natural Medicine operates in compliance, as a degree-granting institution through an exemption (The 2023 Letter of Exemption is currently available on file for review as per the commission), by the Florida State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities under Section 1005.06 (1) (f), FLA Statutes.

The state of Florida, like other states, does not require accreditation or theological accreditation for our religious education-based programs. The State of Florida Department of Education specifically states, "Religious Institutions Not Under the Purview of the Commission Florida Statute 1005.06 (1)(f), Florida Statutes: Religious Institutions Exempt from the Commission's Jurisdiction: Religious institutions that meet the requirements found in Section 1005.06(1)(f), Florida Statutes and Rule 6E- 5.001, Florida Administrative Code are not under the jurisdiction or purview of the Commission for Independent Education and are not required to obtain licensure."(<https://naic-edu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/5801-2023-02-14-ReligiousInComplianc-0000569273.png>)

**Agency Approvals Continued: Native American Indigenous Church Inc. (NAIC)**  
 United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Branch (DESA):  
 Registered Indigenous Peoples Organization  
**First Nations Medical Board** (<https://firstnationmedicalboard.com/>)

**Association of Ayurveda Professionals of North America (AAPNA)**, PACE  
 Accredited, Registered School of Ayurveda (<https://thaiyogacenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/AAPNA-Pace-Cert.pdf>):

**National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB)**, Board  
 Approved Continuing Education Provider # 1203 (Exp: 11/01/2022)  
**Florida State Board of Massage CE Provider #:** 451300-10  
 And Many More! For a complete list, see: <https://thaiyogacenter.com/certification-pro-grams/accreditations-and-recognitions>

## PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

It is the philosophy of A.C.N.M. that the school's success depends on its graduates' success in increasing their earning power and employability within a relatively short period by obtaining appropriate employment in their respective professional areas. Toward fulfilling this philosophy, the overall objectives of the school are as follows: to provide the student with an essential background in the chosen ministerial/ religious ministry and professional discipline; to meet the needs of the respective profession by giving students having appropriate cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills necessary to seek, obtain, and maintain a position in that specialty to enable the student to make sound ethical, moral, spiritual, and stewardship decisions, and to evaluate subsequent courses of action.

## LOCATION AND FACILITIES

THE N.A.I.C., A.C.N.M. Sanctuary is in the Brooksville, Florida area; classes in Brooksville, FL, are held at our NAIC Sanctuary/ [Natural Wellness Solutions](#) (NWS) Tribal Wellness Center, located at 20150 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34601. The school is easily accessible and located near airports and highways.

Other locations also serve as remote hosts for our classes. These facilities and sponsor locations are in virtually every state. A list of nationwide locations hosting courses outside our N.A.I.C./ A.C.N.M. facilities is always available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on the World Wide Web at [NAIC-EDU.Org](#) and [ThaiYogaCenter.Com](#).

The A.C.N.M. Program occupies approximately 1,000 square feet and includes a client reception area, library, front desk area, laboratory areas, classroom, dispensary, warehouse, student break areas, and administrative offices. Please find that laundry and shopping may be within 2 miles of the college. ACNM International Diplomas are issued in cooperation with and in independent affiliation of the **SMOKH: PanAmerican School of Natural Medicine (Nevis-St. Kitts: British West Indies)**

Individuals desiring to apply for admission who require wheelchair access should contact the Administrative Director.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

NAIC-A.C.N.M. maintains regular administrative hours Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Individuals desiring further information about the training offered by the A.C.N.M. should contact the school during regular office hours at (706) 358-8646 or (706) 358-9705 to schedule an appointment and a personal tour of the facility.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Should inclement weather conditions exist within the Metropolitan Tampa/ Sun Coast/ Brooksville area or other areas where classes are being held, A.C.N.M. will follow the closing of the City of Brooksville Public School System as announced through the local media.

### **HOLIDAYS**

NAIC-A.C.N.M. recognizes the following holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Announcements regarding other holidays will be made at the administration's discretion. Holidays and other school closings are not considered when calculating a student's total contract time.

### **JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE**

The school makes every effort to assist its graduates in obtaining employment in their respective professional ministerial, therapy, and counseling areas. While the school endeavors to help its graduates obtain employment, no legitimate school of Seminary Ministry, Counseling, or religious post-secondary education can guarantee employment after graduation.

The school frequently receives calls from churches, tribal organizations, and area employers regarding job openings. As these calls are received, information is posted on the student bulletin board. All students should periodically check the bulletin board for a position. That may interest them.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

A.C.N.M. currently offers five certificates and eight college degree/ diploma programs of study. Each program is complete in itself.

### A.C.N.M. Certificate Courses:

- 1) [164-Hour SomaVeda® Thai Yoga Practitioner Certificate](#) (CTP1) Pre-requisite Course required before ANY student can enroll in ANY A.C.N.M. Degree Program.
- 2) 535 Hour [SomaVeda® Ayurveda Lifestyle Consultant Certificate](#) (ALC) (MAPI/ AAPNA) (<https://thaiyogacenter.com/ayurveda-lifestyle-counselor/>)
- 3) 750 Hour [SomaVeda® Ayurveda Health Counselor Certificate](#) (<https://thaiyogacenter.com/ayurveda-lifestyle-counselor/> )
- 4) 1028 Hour [SomaVeda® Teacher Certification Certificate](#) (TCP1)
- 5) 1094-Hour [Ayurvedic Yoga Therapist Certificate](#) (AYT, AAPNA Approved/ Ayurveda Practitioner) Runs concurrently with Teacher Certificate Program.

### A.C.N.M. College Degree Programs:

- 1) Associate of Sacred Arts: Major- Traditional Natural Health (Ayurveda) (<https://naic-edu.org/degree-programs/associate-of-art/aa-general/>)
- 2) Bachelor of Sacred Science: Major- Traditional Natural Medicine (Ayurveda, Naturopathy) (<https://naic-edu.org/degree-programs/bachelor-of-science/bachelor-of-science-general-information/>)
- 3) Bachelor of Applied Sacred Science: Major- Yoga Therapy (<https://naic-edu.org/bachelor-applied-science-yoga-therapy/> )
- 4) Bachelor of Applied Sacred Science: Major- Massage Therapy (<https://naic-edu.org/bachelor-applied-science-massage-therapy/> )
- 5) Doctor of Sacred Natural Medicine (DSNM): Indigenous and Traditional Natural Medicine, Pastoral, Clerical, and Ministerial Counseling (Traditional Naturopathic Physician (<https://thaiyogacenter.com/certification-programs/dnmnd-diploma-program> )
- 6) Doctor of Philosophy Sacred Ayurveda Medicine (Ph.D.): Indigenous and Traditional Ayurveda Medicine, Pastoral, Clerical, and Ministerial Counseling (<https://naic-edu.org/doctor-of-ayurveda-general-information/> )
- 7) Doctor of Sacred Arts in Traditional and Indigenous Medicine (D.S.T.I.M.): Indigenous and Traditional Medicine, Christ-centered Pastoral, Clerical, and Ministerial Counseling with Specialty Traditional Naturopathic Medicine (<https://naic-edu.org/indigenous-and-traditional-medicine-doctorate-online/> )
- 8) Doctor of Sacred Integrative Immunity (DSII) (<https://naic-edu.org/doctor-of-sacred-integrative-immunity-online/>)

As a professional in an industry with annual sales of over \$45 billion, career opportunities in the health/Healing arts and sciences are numerous. Included are positions as a holistic physician, therapist, counselor, public and private school educator, merchandising representative, manager, Pastor, Minister, or owner of a therapeutic situation.

## A.C.N.M. PROGRAM OF STUDY

The professional Indigenous, traditional, Sacred, Holistic Health Provider may find employment in the office of health care practitioners, including chiropractors and physicians! sports medicine practitioners, and rehabilitation specialists) health clubs, full-service salons, and private practice.

Programs of study units include the following: Sacred Indigenous, Traditional, Christ-centered Natural Health Provider/ Counselor Theory and Technique.

A comprehensive presentation of the general principles of modern sacred indigenous, traditional, Christian/ Monastic and spiritually based Religious Therapeutic Health Provider therapy; includes the history and basic principles of personal health care; body mechanics, draping procedures, aroma therapy; benefits and contraindications of both Western, Oriental and Indigenous styles of traditional medicine, holistic health and non-invasive, non-surgical, non-drug, energetic, spiritual and nutritional based healing. All programs include our unique emphasis on Native American, Christian, and Ayurveda health practices.

## Movement

The actual hands-on learning experience of the NAIC Sacred Medicine techniques of Eastern and Western styles of Holistic Health Provider; Chirothesia: effleurage, petrissage, friction, tapotement, joint movements are covered from the western perspective; pressure point techniques, meridians and lines of energy, methods of evaluation, Five Element Theory, Yin/Yang Theory, and specific remedies will be explored from the eastern perspective. The Institute's premier program of "SomaVeda Integrated Traditional Therapies® Thai Yoga Therapy (Marma Chikitsa/ Kayachikitsa), Classical Indian Ayurveda, and Christ-centered Sacred Medicine of Hope™ Traditional Natural Medicine is the cornerstone of the curriculum.

## Allied Sciences

A survey of various religious therapy systems, from Christ-centered indigenous, traditional, Native American (Cross Way), Oriental, and eclectic spiritually based Western styles, is included. The curriculum consists of coursework on over fifty different healing modalities and clinical adjuncts. Also included are Ayurveda, Marma Chikitsa, Monastic Medicine, Integrative Immunity, Homeopathy, Herbology, Radionics, Frequency Medicine, Sacred Nutrition, and Electro-Vibrational Medicine. Coursework includes deep dives into causes and solutions of most modern illnesses, including "metabolic disorders", "Parasitism", Cancers, Heart disease, infectious disease, and Immune deficiency disorders, among others. The student is encouraged to follow their initial exposure with more extensive study in their areas of interest. Specialized courses in Traditional Naturopathic Medicine qualify for the Licensed Clinical Holistic Therapist LCHT Holistic License and Tribal Healer.

## Professional Career Development

The school investigates the theory and practice of ethical business principles for the professional Christ-centered Pastoral, Ministerial, Traditional Holistic Health, Holistic Health Services Provider, Tribal Health Care Provider, Pastoral counselor, therapist, and seven additional Licensed Counselor Specialties, including Family Counselor. Personal appearance, personal and professional development, professional ethics, business management, practice planning, advertising, and record keeping will be covered.

Students are admitted to the program of study at A.C.N.M. on a rolling basis for any one of the program start dates as published in the Catalog Supplement. Individuals submit all application materials to the school at least two weeks before the scheduled start date for which they are interested

To be considered for admission to any of the A.C.N.M. programs, the applicant must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and possess a minimum of a high school diploma or G.E.D., except as indicated below. The individual must also complete the school's Application for Admissions and Pre-enrollment Questionnaire and have a favorable interview with school personnel. Two completed personal recommendation forms are required from health care professionals, clergy, or employers having first-hand knowledge of the individual's capabilities. The individual must also present a Health Clearance Form signed by a licensed health care practitioner. The applicant must also submit documentation of having received three professional SomaVeda® treatments or counseling sessions by Holistic Health Providers before enrollment. These treatments must be provided by a graduate of an NAIC/A.C.N.M. or Thai Yoga Center program.

It is the individual's responsibility to provide all materials to the program on time. In place of a high school transcript indicating graduation, a photocopy of the student's high school diploma may be accepted.

Individuals not possessing a high school diploma or G.E.D. may be considered for admission if they are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance, are at least sixteen (16) years of age, and have completed the ninth grade or its equivalent. In addition, the individual must be able to benefit from the training.

All applicants must provide proof of age, such as a birth certificate, driver's license, or other government-issued ID, to the school.

## **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

A.C.N.M. grants academic or tuition credit for work attempted at another institution, provided it follows A.C.N.M. Institute guidelines for the National Transcript Program.

## **HOURS OF ATTENDANCE**

The exact program hours are specified in the Course Catalog Supplement.

For the student to receive proper clock and credit hour recognition for work the student must be in attendance and at his/her respective workstation by the times indicated above. NAIC Saving Grace Ministry™, SomaVeda® Holistic Health & Humanitarian Aid Service Provider Program reserves the right to send a late student home or allow that individual to participate in educational activities without receiving credit and clock hours. The decision of the administration shall be final.

## **ACADEMIC RECORDS**

Upon enrollment at A.C.N.M., an academic file is established for the student, and it contains pertinent information, including the application for admission and the transcript.

Student Enrollment Agreement and Contract for Educational Services, a record of grades and units of credits earned, and other significant educational information. Information contained within the student's academic file is available only to individuals with a direct educational interest in the student. Following the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 [as amended], the information contained in a student's academic file cannot be released to a third party without the express written consent of the student [parent/guardian in the case of a minor student].

The exception to the above is information that is considered directory information and includes the student's name, complete address or record, social security number, dates of attendance, and program of study.

Any enrolled student may review his/her academic file in the office of the Administrative Director by appointment during regular office hours.

## **GRADES**

The following grading scale is used for student evaluation on all work attempted during the classroom portion of each program;

95-100	Excellent
85-94	Above Average
80 84	Satisfactory
79 and Below	Unsatisfactory

### **Excellent Above Average Satisfactory Unsatisfactory**

If a student fails a unit examination with a grade of 80 or lower, the examination must be retaken within one week. Upon re-examination, if the student does not achieve a grade of 80 or better, that unit is to be retaken.

Once a student reaches the laboratory portion of the program, any grade on a Theory evaluation of less than 80 is considered unsatisfactory. The student must review the assessed concepts and complete a make-up evaluation within one week. The student may not resume a regular laboratory schedule until the review is complete.

The school applies a grading scale when performing laboratory services for paying clients, another student, or mannequins.

5	Excellent
4	Good
3	Average
2	Below Average
1	Not Satisfactory

Each client and mannequin service is evaluated on the criteria: Technical Ability, Artistic Ability, Sanitation/Safety, Final Result, People Skills, and Overall evaluation. Should the student not have an Overall evaluation average of 3 or better, no credit shall be given toward satisfying the program of study credit requirements.

## **SATISFACTORY PROGRESS**

For the student to be considered in good standing with A.C.N.M., the student must comply with the school's Satisfactory Progress Policy and current NAIC Tribal Org. Membership Rules, Guidelines, and Religious Membership policies as listed on the official NAIC Tribal Org. Church website at <http://NativeFireChurch.org>. It is the policy of A.C.N.M. that the Satisfactory Progress Policy of the Institution applies to all currently enrolled students equally. All enrolled students receive a copy of the Satisfactory Progress Policy on or before the first day of class. The Satisfactory Progress Policy of A.C.N.M. is also available for review by interested parties in the office of the Administrative Director.

The Satisfactory Progress Policy of A.C.N.M. measures satisfactory progress based on classroom grades, the total number of credit hours earned by the student, daily grades on practical laboratory services, theory grades, and the length of time required for program completion. For the Satisfactory Progress Policy of A.C.N.M., completion is defined as the length of time, based on scheduled hours of attendance, needed to complete the course, allowing for no absences.

Students are reminded that although they may be maintaining satisfactory attendance progress based on the minimum acceptable levels of attendance, it is required that the courses be completed within the time frame specified in the Contract for Educational Services and Student Enrollment Agreement, or the student may be assessed an additional charge for hours of instruction needed beyond the date of contract expiration to complete the course.

The student must complete the following minimum number of clock hours per month to be considered in compliance with the Satisfactory Progress Policy

Furthermore, to maintain Satisfactory progress, a student must complete the following minimum number of credit hours per month;

### **164 Hr. (Residential Modules Only)**

All attempted work is evaluated according to the school's published grading scale. This grading scale is as follows for the classroom portion of the program

<b>95-100</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>85-94</b>	<b>Above Average</b>
<b>80-84</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>79 and Below</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>

If a student fails a weekly examination with a grade of 80 or lower, the examination must be retaken within one week. Upon re-examination, if the student does not achieve a grade of 80 or better, that portion of the classroom must be retaken.

Should it be necessary for a student to repeat a portion of the classroom program due to absences of eight (8) hours or more during that portion of the program, the student shall not be considered as complying with the Satisfactory Progress policy of the school. Should an individual request to retake a portion of his/her program for educational value, it shall not affect that individual's satisfactory progress standing. Should the student receive a grade of Incomplete on any portion of the classroom program, that grade shall not affect the student's compliance with the Satisfactory Progress policy. The student is reminded that, by following the school's policies and procedures, any Incomplete grade not made up within one week will result in a failing grade being recorded.

All work attempted on paying clients or another student will be evaluated on the following scale when performing laboratory services.

<b>5</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Below Average</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Satisfactory</b>

Each client service is evaluated on the following criteria: Technical Ability, Artistic Ability, Sanitation/Safety, Final Result, People Skills, and Overall Evaluation. Should the student not have an Over evaluation Average of 3 or better, no Credit shall be given toward satisfying the program of study credit requirements.

To be considered to comply with the Satisfactory Progress policy of A.C.N.M., each student must maintain a minimum average of 3 in all laboratory services.

Once a student reaches the laboratory portion of the program, any grade on a written Theory evaluation of less than 80 is considered unsatisfactory. The student must review the concepts evaluated by the examination and complete a make-up evaluation within one week. The student may not resume a regular clinic schedule until the examination has been completed.

Students are encouraged to discuss their progress with a staff member at any time. Monthly Summary Sheets may be used to counsel students experiencing difficulties with attendance and progress within the program.

Satisfactory Progress reviews are conducted monthly by the instructional staff and the Administrative Director to determine compliance with the school's Satisfactory Progress Policy.

Students meeting the minimum academic and attendance requirements shall be considered to be making satisfactory progress until the next scheduled evaluation period; students not meeting both requirements shall be considered on probation and will be counseled concerning specific requirements that must be met to reestablish Satisfactory progress. While on probation, the student shall be considered as making Satisfactory progress until the next review increment.

It is a continued requirement that all students must be in active membership status at all times during enrollment. *Any student who is disenrolled from active NAIC Membership for any reason and is not to be considered a member of NAIC will forfeit any remaining access to any enrolled programs at the Directors' discretion.* Students must maintain Satisfactory progress for two consecutive review periods and shall be considered on probation. Furthermore, if the student does not maintain satisfactory progress for two consecutive review periods, the student may be considered dismissed. The student is reminded that to reestablish Satisfactory progress fully, his/her attendance and academic standards must meet the standards established by this policy.

Any student returning from a Leave of Absence is considered at the same Satisfactory Progress point as when the leave began. Additionally, any student withdrawal and subsequent reentry to the school shall not affect the student's Satisfactory Progress status.

Any student identified as not making Satisfactory progress and wishing to appeal the decision may do so in writing to the Administrative Director. Specific documentation outlining why the student feels he/she is maintaining Satisfactory Progress must be provided. The student shall be provided an opportunity to present such documentation at a hearing scheduled within seven [7] business days of the written request. The student shall attend such a hearing: the Educational Director and the Administrative Director. The administration's decision shall be final.

Suppose it is determined upon appeal that the student complies with the Satisfactory Progress Policy of A.C.N.M. In that case, the student shall be considered a student in good standing and shall be eligible for reinstatement of all privileges and financial assistance for which the individual may qualify.

## **TARDINESS, ABSENTEEISM, CONTRACT EXPIRATION**

It is the philosophy of the staff and administration of A.C.N.M. that punctual and consistent attendance is necessary for the individual to reach his/her fullest potential. All students are in attendance for all regularly scheduled classes and demonstrations. If, by the end of the class/ contract expiration date specified in the Student Enrollment Agreement and Contract for Educational Services, the student has not completed his/her specific program requirements as established by

The school, a student shall be given a thirty [30] hour grace period to satisfy all program requirements. The exact requirements for completing the program of study will be determined. The school reserves the right to charge the student \$5.00 per credit/clock hour needed to complete his/her program of study satisfactorily.

It is a condition to receive full credit. For the student to receive proper clock and credit hour recognition for work attempted, the student must be signed in and at his/her respective workstation by the times indicated above. A.C.N.M. reserves the right to send a late student home or allow that individual to participate in educational activities without receiving credit and clock hours.

***Should the lack of attendance, in the opinion of the instructional staff and school administration, present a material and substantial disruption to the student's educational progress, that student shall be subject to dismissal from A.C.N.M.***

Any student with absences exceeding his/her grace period must have a personal conference with the Educational Director to be considered as a participant in any individual or group classes/projects above and beyond those established by the student's regular curriculum. The decision of the Educational Director as to whether the individual shall be allowed to participate shall be final.

Students are required to keep a student clinic/ client and practice log. The practice log is a contemporaneous record or diary in which all out-of-class work or sessions relative to the program is recorded. It must adhere to the guidelines provided in the course. The diary must be available to the instructor during each class, where it will be initialed. Failure to present the log-in time will result in the student being placed on probation or dropped, per the disciplinary policy. A legible copy of this diary will be turned in after the course and is a requirement for graduation.

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A.C.N.M. may grant a Leave of Absence to an enrolled student only in cases of extreme circumstances, including, but not limited to, required military obligations, personal illness or illness in the immediate family, or death in the immediate family. **Students requesting a Leave of Absence for medical reasons must present a physician's certificate stating the approximate length of the absence.** Being absent or not participating in class without approval in advance does not qualify as a "Leave of Absence."

Except for reasons documented by a physician, an enrolled student may not receive more than one Leave of Absence per academic year [defined as 900 clock hours], and the total number of days a student may be on leave status cannot exceed sixty [60 days]. Any term longer than 60 days may be extended only with an additional medical request for a 60-day extension.

Students requesting a Leave of Absence must do so in writing, in advance of the absence or non-participation, to the Administrative Director. An approved Leave of Absence shall not affect a student's contract expiration date.

### **SCHOOLS' RIGHT TO CANCEL AT ANYTIME**

A student's enrollment agreement may be canceled at any time without further notice: For:

1. Non-payment of tuition fees or any other fees due to the school for more than 90 days.
2. Unsatisfactory Progress
3. Unapproved and or unscheduled Leave of Absence
4. Please submit the required work or complete online exams promptly.
5. Obvious cheating
6. Disciplinary (refusing to follow the instructor's request and guidelines during class) and unacceptable behavior, including causing harm to the NAIC or the school's excellent reputation.
7. Any violence and or sexual misconduct (Zero tolerance)
8. Illegal and/or criminal activity, including theft and/or fraud, was committed at school.
9. Any activity, whether described here or not, which, at the Staff and Directors' Discretion jeopardizes the goodwill, the safety of the seminary, Sanctuary property, and chattels, and the safety and well-being of fellow students or staff.
10. Recension, revocation, excommunication, and or voluntary withdrawal from active membership in the NAIC, whether on behalf of the student or under conditions and authority of the NAIC Tribal Org.

**Please Note:** Reinstatement is possible only after approval by the school Director and Staff, any arrears brought to date, and a \$600.00 reinstatement fee. For students who do not complete the first-semester online courses within 10 months of the original enrollment date, an "Extension" of 12 weeks can be granted; an Additional fee of \$600.00 will be assessed. If both apply, total fees due = \$1,100.00

### **EXTENDED ENROLLMENT PROGRAM FEE**

All A.C.N.M. College degree enrollment agreements are to provide access to the online portion of Home Study classes for 24 months from the initial enrollment date only (Unless a deferred enrollment or Approved Leave of absence is in effect). Enrollments continuing indefinitely or over 36 months will be assessed an additional continuing education fee of \$189.00 per month while remaining active, or completing the requirement for a degree, whichever comes first.

### **GRADUATION**

To be considered a graduate of A.C.N.M., the student must satisfactorily complete all written examinations, practical examinations, and all program requirements as established by the school. All financial obligations with the school must be satisfied. The student must complete an Application for an Exit Interview and schedule an interview appointment.

The student must submit all examination applications and membership applications, with the required fees, directly to the appropriate agency. Diplomas will be processed when authorized and issued directly to students. **Each student completing his/her program of study receives the relevant A.C.N.M.-PanAmerican School of Natural Medicine Certificate and or Degree/diploma.** Qualifying students may receive a diploma from more than one affiliated college simultaneously. ACNM Degrees are - Sued with the State of Florida, Apostille for any Hague Apostille-qualified country in the world for Degree reciprocity.

## **STUDENT KIT AND SUPPLY DEPOSIT**

A Student Kit is issued to each student at the beginning of his/her program of study; book, lab, and materials fees are not generally included within the course of study, and separate charges may apply. If book, lab, and materials fees are required for the completion of the course of study, a certificate or diploma will be awarded upon payment of all such fees.

It is the student's responsibility to maintain all kit materials in a clean, workable, professional manner. The student must replace defective, lost, or stolen kit items at the posted replacement price before resuming a standard class or clinic schedule. The school reserves the right to inspect student kits periodically.

At the time of issuance, the Student Kit becomes the student's property. Should the student withdraw before program completion, the kit shall remain the student's property, with no refund. Any student withdrawing before program completion will, however, receive a refund of the unused portion of the Supply Deposit.

## **DRESS CODE AND RULES OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

All students enrolled at the A.C.N.M. conduct themselves in A manner befitting the high professional standards established by the school and their selected profession.

All students must abide by the school's dress code, which prohibits blue jeans and denim clothing. Shorts, except as indicated below, and skirts must be no higher than four [4] inches above the knee. When not in a classroom activity, students wear a top covering the underarm area. Items considered offensive to the staff, students, and clients of the

A.C.N.M. is prohibited. ACNM requires a student Uniform for physical attendance in live classes or "Clinical Boards" required for graduation.

The A.C.N.M. students wear a loose-fitting, comfortable white Gi. All students should have running shorts available for class practicals; female students wear either a two-piece bathing suit or a halter top. Students with long hair should bring the necessary accessories to keep their hair out of the way.

In some areas of student conduct, A.C.N.M. will exercise authority over student behavior to the extent that a student may receive a warning, be placed on disciplinary probation, be suspended, or be expelled. The school will not use arbitrary or subjective actions; all instances of student conduct will be dealt with in a fair and due-process manner.

All individuals enrolled at A.C.N.M. have rights, responsibilities, and obligations; however, the school has rights and duties to the individual. These include, but are not limited to, upholding the law and regulations regarding cheating and prejudice.

Behaviors, sexual harassment or impropriety, physical/verbal abuse or harassment, or the illegal use of controlled substances or alcohol.

The staff at A.C.N.M. is concerned with drug, alcohol, and other substance abuse. While the school cannot dictate the actions of the student population during out-of-school hours, it is hoped that the student pursues activities to develop his/her fullest potential. Upon enrollment, each student is provided information about substance abuse programs in the Metropolitan Tampa/Brooksville area. The individual is encouraged to contact these agencies. All services are provided in confidence.

When a student's behavior represents a material and substantial disruption, in the opinion of the staff/administration, to the regular operation of the school, that student may be subject to suspension or dismissal. Such actions include, but are not limited to, the following: consumption of alcohol or controlled substances on school premises; falsifying official school documents; physically or verbally threatening another student or staff member; harassment; profanity; damage or destruction to school property or the property of others; cheating; stealing; unprofessional attitude or conduct; sexual impropriety; and absenteeism. Should the lack of appropriate attendance, in the opinion of the staff/administration, present a substantial disruption to a student's education and professional training, that student is subject to dismissal from A.C.N.M.

**Any student suspended from A.C.N.M. shall not be allowed to resume a regular schedule until he/she has met the following conditions:**

**Have a personal conference with appropriate school personnel;**

**Establish valid reasons why he/she should be allowed to continue a regular class schedule.**

**Agree to adhere to the policies, procedures, and standards established by A.C.N.M.**

A student may receive two disciplinary notices and still be eligible to resume a regular schedule. Any student receiving more than two disciplinary notices may be considered expelled; after the student's expulsion from A.C.N.M., that student is not eligible to apply for re-enrollment.

## **STUDENT WITHDRAWAL**

A student may receive two disciplinary notices and still be eligible to resume a regular schedule. Any student receiving more than two disciplinary notices may be considered expelled. Any student desiring to withdraw from A.C.N.M. must notify the Administrative Director in writing, stating the reasons for such action.

For purposes of the school's Refund Policy, "enrollment time" is the time elapsed between the actual starting date and the date of the student's last physical day of attendance in the school, and or three consecutive months without completing any online required course. Any student absent without excuse for seven [7] consecutive class days or more and who does not notify the school may be withdrawn from A.C.N.M. If enrolled in the Online / Distance curriculum component, a lack of active participation without prior written permission will be considered a voluntary withdrawal. Remaining online course access will be suspended at the Director's discretion, and additional enrollment fees and/or penalties may be required before re-enrollment is allowed. Any student who has withdrawn and wishes to reenter must comply with the school's admissions policies and procedures, as stated elsewhere in this document. Student's expulsion from A.C.N.M. means that the student is not eligible to apply for re-enrollment.

## **GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES**

All students enrolled at A.C.N.M. are urged to develop, utilize, and express their creative talents to the fullest. Students must follow the rules established for the benefit of the entire organization. We expect the student to work in the best interests of the organization as a whole. The student is expected to comply with additional rules and regulations posted by each program area, especially those related to laboratory services within that area.

To receive proper clock and credit-hour recognition for work attempted, the student must be signed in and at his/her workstation by the appropriate time. A.C.N.M. reserves the right to send a late student home or allow that individual to participate in educational activities without receiving credit or clock hours. All decisions of the administration shall be final.

Any student absent for more than eight [8] hours of any program cycle may be required to repeat that portion of the program. These eight hours of absence are considered regardless of the reason for absence or supporting documentation. This decision of the Educational Director shall be final. All students must obtain permission from an instructional staff member before taking a break or leaving the school premises.

Food and beverages should be consumed only in the student-designated dining area, not in the Laboratory or classrooms. No smoking is allowed on the premises. The student assigned Front Desk duties is responsible for the operations of the Front Desk area for that day. Should any cash shortage occur that day, that student shall be held accountable. If the student is unwilling to make up

In the event of a shortage, the student may not receive credit for that day's Front Desk duties. If it is necessary for the student to leave the desk, the student assigned to Dispensary duties shall cover the desk. However, Front Desk responsibilities still rest with the student-assigned desk duties.

Personal phone calls are prohibited. Should an 'emergency exist, the student should expect to go home to handle the 'emergency' situation.

Credit Sheets are to be completed daily and tallied at the end of each designated reporting period. Please do so to ensure the student receives clock credit hours. Additionally, all students must clock in and out at the beginning of the day, for the break, and at the end of the day. **ALL CLOCK HOURS ARE COMPUTED BY THE TIME INDICATED BY THE TIME CLOCK STAMPING ON THE STUDENT'S TIME CARD.**

All work/study areas must be cleaned, and all equipment and supplies must be returned to the appropriate place before leaving.

All kit items must be kept clean and professionally maintained. No borrowing of kit material is allowed. The school reserves the right to inspect Student Kits and require immediate replacement of any missing items.

All assignments must be turned in on the date due, or a grade of zero may result. All makeup assignments must be completed within one week, or a failing grade will be recorded.

Students receiving personal services will be charged for the products used and must pay before receiving the service. The student must sign the Personal Service Request Log and sign in at the Front Desk as a regular client. No student will be allowed to use products from home.

Before commencing any service, the student must receive instructions from the department's instructor in charge. Client services will be performed as assigned by the instructional staff.

Any student who refuses to perform client service is considered unprofessional and subject to automatic dismissal.

All services are to be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor and with the instructor's permission. Work performed on mannequins must have a ticket signed by the instructor to receive the proper grade.

Only school-issued or approved implements, equipment, and supplies are to be used to perform services on the laboratory floor.

The performance of any service other than on the school premises is prohibited without the permission of A.C.N.M.

When a student is called for a client, the student should respond promptly and professionally. Any student who does not respond to a client's call within five [5] minutes may be suspended from the school for up to ten [10] days.

### **Cancellation-REFUND POLICY**

Should an individual cancel enrollment or be dismissed for any reason by NAIC (Native American Indigenous Church Inc., A Florida Chartered Not for Profit, IRS 508c(1) (A) FBO- Faith Based Organization/ Not for Profit Tribal Organization), DBA American College of Natural Medicine, School of Ayurveda, The Thai Yoga Center, School of Monastic Medicine, School of Integrative Immunity Medicine, any joint offered program provided by affiliate or third party vendors such as Tayapro Mediverse, Scholistico or others and or the current Director of Education before the completion of his/her program of study, all refunds will be made according to the following published NAIC refund schedule. (<https://NativeFireChurch.org/naic-cancellation-refund/>)

Acceptance of this policy shall be deemed an absolute precondition to being allowed to enroll in any program. By donating and enrolling in any program, the student clearly states that they are over twenty-one, have read and understand this policy, and agree to abide by its terms, with no exceptions.

Please note that NAIC is a Church, non-profit, spiritual, and educational organization. We rely on donations for products and services and are grateful to every participant who contributes their time, donations, and services.

Each situation is treated with utmost compassion for the exchange involved. For this reason, we offer a no-refund policy on our donations/ contributions. If there is a compelling reason, we offer similar value in the form of credit toward future events or offerings.

NAIC INC Seminary, Program, Course of Instruction, and or Class: Cancellation / Refund Policy: <https://NativeFireChurch.org/naic-cancellation-refund/>

Please note: There are different conditions regarding "Students at Large ." Students who are registered for individual courses, clinics, supervised practice, or any program of study for a certificate of fewer than 1000 hours. Shall be deemed a "Student At Large ." Sections "C," "D," and "K" apply. These conditions do not include or refer to international training programs.

Concerning any refunds due, NAIC will refund monies using the following distribution:

**A.** Any applicant not accepted for admission by NAIC, American College of Natural Medicine, The Thai Yoga Center, or any affiliated or co-sponsored NAIC program shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid.

**B.** Seating for all of our programs is limited. Payments and deposits are deemed reservations and guarantees of placement. Therefore, all payments and registrations are deemed “Non-refundable” at acceptance. Registrations falling in the “less than three (3) day” advance payment shall be on a “Buyer Beware” basis, and no refunds will be issued unless the absence is due to a bona fide Medical Emergency with supporting documentation. Not showing or “no Show” for any individual class or classes without prior written approval for any reason shall be deemed a default absence without cause for refund and a voluntary forfeiture of all funds paid. The only exception to this will be in the case of a bona fide medical emergency properly documented with medical affidavits as requested.

**C.** Suppose the student voluntarily cancels his/ her agreement to participate fully and attends or begins any program from the start of the first hour of the first class. In that case, they forfeit 100% of all monies donated other than as approved for refunds as specified in this cancellation and refund policy in Section “K.” The buyer is an adult over 21 and agrees to give up all claims to reimbursement or any damages other than as specified in this cancellation and refund policy.

Suppose a student applies in writing for a change of status, a rescheduling of classes, or to apply tuition paid towards one seminary program or class to another within our program. In that case, we reserve the right to approve or not approve such a request at our discretion. Further, in the event of such submission and subsequent approval, we reserve the right to charge additional fees to cover any extra costs or change fees. The participant agrees to this upon submitting a request for a change of status.

**D.** Enrollment time is between the actual start date and the student’s last physical attendance in the NAIC program or school.

**E.** In the case of illness, disabling accident, death in the immediate family, or other extreme circumstances beyond the student’s control, the school shall make a reasonable and fair settlement to both the student and the program.

**F.** The official date of termination or withdrawal for purposes of this refund policy shall be the last day of physical attendance in the program, school, or workshop venue, wherever held.

**G.** Any student desiring to make a change in his / her status at an approved/sponsored seminary, class, or function must make such a request in writing by regular mail to the Administrative Director at the posted address on record. We will respond in writing within ten (10) to thirty (30) days with approval, a denial of the claim for refund, or a request for further information. We reserve the right to thoroughly investigate all claims for cancellations and refunds before responding or granting refunds. It is understood and agreed, as a precondition to enrollment, that we have the right to take this time to investigate, and that doing so in no way constitutes an unnecessary delay.

**H.** Suppose the school, program of study, or seminary training is permanently closed and no longer offers instruction after the student is enrolled. The student shall be entitled to a pro-rated tuition refund in that case. If a course is canceled and not rescheduled after a student's enrollment, the school shall, at its option, provide for a full refund of all monies paid or shall provide for the completion of the course at the program's discretion.

**I.** The Student Kit: materials, books, lab fees, or other preparation and study materials, if issued to the student before or on the first day of class, is a non-refundable item in the total program cost. Refunds for The Student Kit or other preparation and study materials will only be issued if the student withdraws before program completion. There is no refund for personal and professional items purchased as required by the program, such as mats, massage tables, oils, and related items. The Student Kit shall also include non-transferable and non-returnable items such as e-books, digital files, books, posters, videos, discounts on additional and separate programs offered as an incentive for sign-up or registration, or adjunct support for the training. These non-refundable items will be deducted from any refund at the total retail value, including shipping, if they are not digital products. Please note that the course materials and digital products offered with our programs may have a retail value exceeding the total cost of the course registered.

**J.** Upon receipt of a request for refund via regular US mail (no signature required), located at 8491 Central Ave. Brooksville, FL 34601, NAIC, Inc. will review the request to determine eligibility. NAIC will generally respond to the written request within thirty (30) days with either an approval, a request for additional information, or a denial. If any refund is approved, NAIC will disburse funds by check in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section "K."

**K.** Our policy is that, between the date of the deposit and the completion date of the NAIC Seminary, Yoga class, or program, registration is 100% NON-REFUNDABLE, with no penalties deducted. Should there be a bona fide medical emergency (chronic or pre-existing conditions do not qualify unless certified as a medical emergency requiring hospitalization, the severity of which prevents you from attending and or participating in any capacity whatsoever in specifically our program or in any similar program or professional work), verified by a Medical Doctor, which prevents you from participating in any capacity whatsoever in specifically our program or in any similar program or professional work, we will make a refund based on the balance paid (minus the already used/non-refundable portion, minus the registration fee of \$150.00 Per individual course, cost of materials/ Student Kit (includes downloadable, Mp3 files, PDF materials) and Early Termination Fee, as appropriate). The only exception that we will authorize is for replacement. If the participant supplies a new, paid-in, complete registration of equal or greater value, we will allow a 100% refund.

If the settlement offered by NAIC Inc. includes approved refunds, refunds will be returned as follows. Balance after all penalties in three to five (3-5) equal payments by three to five (3-5) checks paid over one hundred twenty to two hundred twenty-five (120-225) days (average one (1) payment per forty-five (45) days).

**L.** No show or failure to appear in class, violations of the Code of Ethics, or RPGs will constitute acceptable grounds for immediate release and termination from the program and any remaining courses and classes. Without notice and recourse of any kind, including refunds. Except in the case of a medical emergency as described above in "K."

The student has reviewed this policy, including the Additional Responsibility waiver and standard agreement, and agrees to it as a prerequisite to enrollment in any program. The student also agrees to hold NAIC, A.C.N.M., and its representatives harmless for any actions or legal proceedings arising from a "request for a refund" as a prerequisite to acceptance into any NAIC-sponsored Program. NAIC members, students, and participants understand that NAIC programs are under NAIC Church/ecclesiastical authority and that, ultimately, all disputes within NAIC are determined in the church's jurisdiction only.

**M.** I, the seminarian/ student, understand that I am over the age of 21 and that any payments made via credit card, PayPal.Com, or both represent a commitment and binding contract to pay according to an agreement that the participant agrees to pay all amounts due in total, and that in the event of cancellation of credit card payment and or filing of "chargeback" claim or dispute with a credit card company or both, which results in a loss of income, fees, dues or tuitions of any kind to NAIC, that participant will cover this loss entirely, within ten days by cash, certified check or money order. Furthermore, the participant agrees to reimburse all legal and attorney's fees for recovering any losses resulting from chargebacks and/or reversals of transactions. The participant agrees to this as a condition of acceptance into any NAIC-sponsored seminary, class, or program.

This cancellation and refund policy is subject to regular review and updates. The cancellation and Refund policy is subject to change at any time. Updates and notices are posted. The updates include any specific agreements and conditions made on a case-by-case basis with individual students.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Limitations Thereof: Contract for services agreement and Waiver of Liabilities.

The NAIC (Native American Indigenous Church, Inc.), The American College of Natural Medicine, The Thai Yoga Center, or affiliated third-party educational providers, authorized representatives, or assignees act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels or guest houses and transportation. The participant or undersigned agrees that the sponsoring organization or their agents and suppliers shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to act of default of any hotel, guest house, carrier, restaurant, company or person providing or rendering any of the services included in or available to the participant during the program. This agreement contains personal time outside the regular scope and practice of seminary, programs, and classes. The participant explicitly warrants to indemnify NAIC Inc., its Directors, Pastors, Ministers, Teachers, volunteers, or NAIC Inc.-designated representatives against any loss arising from participation in the program, as a precondition to participation. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules, or contracts, and the currency used by carriers, hotels, guest houses, restaurants, or other contractors rendering or providing services, including any food or meals, snacks, shall constitute the sole contract between such provider and participant. Participation in potentially risky activities is at the participants' sole discretion and responsibility.

**NAIC Agreement/ Contract for Educational Services is Binding:** I understand that all payments made via credit card, Fortis, PayPal.Com, WePay.Com, Google Checkout, or any similar processor or any combination represent a commitment and binding contract to pay according to the agreement, that participant agrees to pay all amounts due in total, and that, in the event of cancellation of credit card payment and or filing of “chargeback” claim or dispute with a credit card company or both, which results in a loss of income, fees, dues or tuitions of any kind to NAIC, that participant will cover and or reimburse this loss entirely, within ten days by cash, certified check or money order.

Furthermore, the participant agrees to reimburse all legal and attorney fees incurred in recovering any losses resulting from failure to pay, chargebacks, and/or reversals of transactions. All programs of study are under NAIC ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and all monies paid are considered donations to the NAIC. I, the student-seminarian, understand this is a precondition to participation.

Further, the sponsoring organization and or their agents and suppliers accept no responsibility for any damage, delay, irregularity, regularity, or liability arising from pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, war, weather conditions, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty, or any other cause beyond their control nor for any additional expenses or damage due to change in advertised schedules or services or any other cause outside of their control. The participant will bear all losses and costs; the program rates apply only to the time and the laws of the state or country where the accommodations, services, and facilities are rendered. The participant is responsible for providing adequate insurance, Travel Medical Insurance, and Lost Baggage Insurance. In place of such insurance, the participant agrees that all liability for loss, medical conditions, or accidents is their entire responsibility. However, the facilities at NAIC: American College of Natural Medicine and Thai Yoga Center (a religious and nature sanctuary) are available for walking and hiking. The participant agrees to hold the program, landowners, leaseholders-landlords, and representatives blameless for any accident or injury that might occur on the land during or outside of scheduled classes.

**Student agrees to the following statement:** I, the student-seminarian-participant, understand, as a member of the NAIC, that the seminary, class, classes, or program are not to be therapeutic as defined by secular and or state and federal law or to provide any therapeutic or medical service to me of any kind. Any discussion of personal medical issues is incidental to participating in generalized courses about health and healing and, in no case, shall be considered an exchange of medical services. Any personal health advice, consultation, or treatment request will be regarded as a separate and privileged agreement under the private church/ communicant or ministerial exchange of services and counseling. I am of sound mind and body and emotionally stable to participate in spiritual, health, healing, therapy, counseling, classes, topics, discussions, potentially mature materials, and graphic content, all adult in nature. I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary. I am responsible for my mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical welfare during all classes. I know that in studying and practicing various therapy models and procedures, there may be therapeutic and partial nudity during various courses or activities. This adult nature of the content presented in a professional program of study is not a problem or offensive to me. I understand that Sky Clad, nudity, and or partial nudity is NOT a requirement for participation and, in any case, will always be handled in a dignified manner when appropriate. I understand that in studying A.C.N.M. and holistic healing involving the body, the graphic representation of all body parts, including the breast, may be referenced.

The school takes reasonable care to provide safe areas for all activities in and out of class.

The right is reserved to cancel or change, substitute services or personnel without notice or explanation, and to decline to accept or retain any student or participant at any time, before, during, or after completion of this program or any other sponsored or related program offered by NAIC or representatives. This expressed right shall apply to joint programs for CTP1, AWC (CTP2), CTP3 (AHC/ ALC), CTP-AYT, TCP, AHC, AYT, ASA, BSSc, DSNM, Ph.D. AYUR, DSTIM, DSII, DMM, or the like, including Student at Large registrations. Participants agree, as a precondition to participation, to the rules, procedures, and guidelines stated or amended by NAIC staff during any class or program. Any member participant failing to do so, or who presents difficulty or risk to the goodwill of the program or personal safety of the director or the other participants, at the director's discretion, will be summarily dismissed from the program without recourse or refund of any kind. Illegal activities are prohibited and will be referred to the appropriate authority. NAIC, the provider, is a private religious/seminary education and health membership association; membership is required before participating in class or receiving any services, exchanges of services, or practice from staff and/or other students. A separate NAIC Authorized Participant membership agreement is issued before any class participation.

All tuition is based on current rates and agreements in effect at the time of registration. All graduations, certifications, and awards are conditional on all payments being complete or up to date and the criteria and requirements being satisfactorily completed—no exceptions or partial certificates without written agreement.

The program and representatives shall not be responsible for transportation or any accident related to travel to or from any course or program.

As a participant in this program, I understand that these terms are binding. As an agreement between the NAIC providers and me, it is a precondition for my participation in all courses, classes, apprenticeships, and work/study, as previously noted on the offering web page related to this specific program and/or programs, previously received and reviewed. I understand that all cancellations and refunds are based on NAIC's published Cancellation and Refund Policy. I, the participant, am of legal age and able to sign and confirm acceptance of this agreement responsibly.

## **STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

At present, students enrolling in A.C.N.M. Programs of Study are NOT eligible to make application for Title IV Student Financial Assistance.

A.C.N.M. offers a generous tuition donation scholarship program for all new and continuing students

A.C.N.M. students. This program may cover up to 90% of full regular tuition, excluding housing, meals, and materials fees. Details are available at: <http://thaiyogacenter.com/ctp-scholarship-program>. The A.C.N.M. Donation Tuition Scholarship program is reviewed regularly and subject to withdrawal or change at any time without notice. *All tuition scholarships are offered to students on a conditional basis and may be withdrawn for any reason, without notice, for any breach of NAIC RPGs, including actions which cause or bring harm to NAIC, or its representatives. If the rescinding of the tuition scholarship results in a balance due for tuition, the balance must be paid in full before any further courses are accessed or completed.* No graduation can occur with an arrears donation balance for any tuition due. The individual interested in applying for student financial Assistance is urged to read the United States Office of Education publication, The Student Guide, and to be familiar with its contents. The Student Guide is available from the school and also from public libraries.

All student financial assistance programs in which A.C.N.M. participates are administered without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, or handicapping condition. The student is not charged for applying for Title IV student financial assistance. All individuals applying for financial aid must make payment arrangements with the school if loan assistance is approved after forty [40] hours of attendance. If satisfactory arrangements are not made, the student may be unable to continue his/her education.

## **DEBT MANAGEMENT**

Student and parent borrowers must sign a promissory note (enrollment agreement) agreeing to repay any loans. This promissory note is a legally binding document. Any student or parent who does not repay a loan as agreed in the promissory note is considered to be in default. In cases of default, the lender and the State/Federal government may take steps to recover the funds, with the student or parent responsible for any recovery costs.

Default is a serious matter. Students and parents are reminded that default may harm the individual's future credit rating. If an individual is in default and decides to continue their education, they are not eligible for federal aid. A default may also affect future students' ability to secure a loan. The Internal Revenue Service may also withhold income tax refunds until loans are repaid.

## **DEGREES AND NON-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

### **Degree/ Diploma Programs:**

Associate of Sacred Arts: Major-Traditional Natural Health  
 Bachelor of Sacred Science: Major-Traditional Natural Health  
 Bachelor of Applied Sacred Science: Major-Yoga Therapy  
 Bachelor of Applied Sacred Science: Major-Massage Therapy  
 Doctor of Arts Sacred Traditional and Indigenous Medicine (DSTIM)  
 Doctor of Sacred Natural Medicine: Major-Traditional Natural Medicine (DSNM)  
 Doctor of Philosophy: Major-Sacred Ayurveda Medicine (PhD)  
 Doctor of Sacred Arts in Traditional and Indigenous Medicine (DSTIM)  
 Doctor of Sacred Monastic Medicine (DSMM)  
 Doctor of Sacred Integrative Immunity (DSII)

### **Non-Degree Certificate Programs:**

SomaVeda® Thai Yoga Practitioner Certificate (CTP1)  
 Ayurveda Lifestyle Counselor (ALC)  
 Ayurvedic Health Counselor Certificate (AHC),  
 SomaVeda® Thai Yoga Teacher Certificate (TCP),  
 Ayurvedic Yoga Therapists Certificate (AYT),  
 SomaVeda® Native American Diabetes Care Counselor  
 SomaVeda® Indian Health Care Humanitarian Aid Service Provider  
 SomaVeda® Sacred Nutrition Counselor  
 SomaVeda® Certified Energy Psychology Counselor

## **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

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