

Educational & Scope Comparison for Primary Care Providers in Alaska

	Naturopathic Doctor (ND) Bastyr ¹	Medical Doctor (MD) UW ²	Nurse Practitioner (NP) UAA ³	Physicians Assistant (PA) UW/UAA ⁴
Degree	Doctorate (4 yrs.)	Doctorate (4 yrs.)	Masters (2 yrs.)	Bachelor's or Masters
Educational requirements	Bachelor's degree (4 yrs.)	Bachelor's degree (4 yrs.)	Bachelor's in Nursing	2 yrs. sciences, 1 yr. clinical experience
Admissions Testing	None	MCAT	None	None or GRE
School Accreditation body	CNME	LCME	CCNE or ACEN	ARC-PA
Training Hours				
Clerkship (Clinical)	1210 hours	3120-3900 hours ⁵	720 hours	1200-1600 hours
Classroom	249.5 credits	163 credits	32-50 credits	65 credits (Bachelors) 86 credits (Masters)
Nutrition and Naturopathic	Included in systems-based classes	Elective	0	0
Pharmacological	Included in systems-based classes	Included in systems-based classes	3 credits	Included in systems-based classes
Licensing Examination	NLPEX Board Exam	USMLE Board Exam	ANCC or AANP	PANCE
Residency Requirements	Optional 1-3 yrs.	Required 3 yrs.	None	None
Prescriptive Authority in AK	None	Full	Full, no supervision	Full, with MD supervision

¹ Bastyr ND Curriculum 2017-2018, clinical training | <http://bastyr.edu/academics/areas-study/study-naturopathic-medicine/naturopathic-doctor-degree-program#Clinical-Training> Accessed 2/18/17

² UW MD Program Curriculum | <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/curriculum>. Accessed 2/6/17

³ UAA School of Nursing Handbook

⁴ UW MedEx Program Curriculum | <https://depts.washington.edu/medex/pa-program/curriculum/>. Accessed 2/6/17. Verified via email with UW employee Keren Wick

⁵ Hours are estimates; actual hours will vary based on electives, specialty and site. Average day is 8-10 hrs. 78 weeks are required; 42 wks in year 3 and 36 wks in year 4. Estimate provided by Christen White, clinical curriculum at U.W. School of Medicine. | <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/curriculum> | <http://blogs.uw.edu/medeval/e15-graduation-requirements/>