

**Naturopathic Physician**  
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The following outlines general license information. For specific information on filing an application, you will need to obtain the [application](#) which includes a detailed listing of the requirements.

**A. Application Fee:**

Application: \$300.00  
Original License Fee: \$200.00  
Naturopathic Childbirth Specialty Certificate \$100.00

**B. Education Requirements:**

1. Graduation from an approved naturopathic school which requires at a minimum a 4-year, full time resident program of academic and clinical study.
2. In addition to #1 above, an applicant for a Naturopathic Childbirth Specialty Certificate must complete at least 100 clock hours of coursework, internship, or preceptorship in obstetrics at an approved naturopathic medical college or hospital or with an approved licensed physician and furnish a signed log that (I) and (II) below have been completed under the direct supervision of a licensed naturopathic, medical, or osteopathic physician with specialty training in obstetrics and/or natural childbirth.

(I) Applicant has taken part in the care of 50 women in both the prenatal care and postnatal periods;

(II) Applicant has observed and assisted in the intrapartum care and delivery of 50 natural childbirths in a hospital or alternative birthing setting, including 25 births that document the applicant as the primary birth attendant. Three of the births must be within the two years immediately preceding the submission of the application and in at least one of the three births, the applicant must have provided continuous care as defined in [board rules \(24-111-510\)](#).

**C. Experience Requirements:**

None, other than listed above

**D. Examination Information:**

All applicants must pass the naturopathic physicians licensing examination (NPLEX) with a score of 75 or better or an exam endorsed by the Board. The NPLEX sections required by the Board are basic sciences and clinical sciences, and minor surgery add-on exam. Montana does not administer NPLEX exams; applicants should take them wherever possible.

In addition to #1 above, an applicant for a Naturopathic Childbirth Specialty Certificate must pass a specialty exam in obstetrics approved by the Board or the exam offered by the American College of Naturopathic Obstetricians (ACNO).

**E. [Renewal Period](#)**

**F. [Renewal Fee](#)**

**G. Continuing Education Requirements:**

1. 15 hours/year; at least 5 hours in naturopathic pharmacy courses.
2. Requirements in #1 above, plus 5 additional hours in obstetrics (total of 20).

**H. Other Special License Requirements:**

None