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RULE TITLE: Permissible professional designations and credentials

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RULE SUMMARY: Permissible professional designations and credentials

RULE TEXT:

- (1) A person holding an active Oregon licensee shall use designations; "Doctor of Naturopathy" or its abbreviation, "N.D.," "Naturopath" or "Naturopathic Physician" or "Naturopathic Doctor"
- (2) A person holding an inactive or retired license must state their licensure status in combination with designations in section (1) in a manner that clearly conveys to patients and the public that they are not licensed or permitted to practice naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon within the meaning of ORS 685.010
- (3) A graduate of a naturopathic medical school, prior to licensure, or a person with a lapsed license may state they have a naturopathic doctorate degree, but may not use designations in section (1), or any designation that conveys to the public or patients they are licensed or permitted to practice naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon within the meaning of ORS 685.010
- (4) License may not hold themselves out or convey to the public or patients they are a "certified naturopathic physician" without completion of an accreditation, certification or residency program. If a licensee lists certifications, residencies, or

accreditations publicly, the licensee must specify the organization which granted them.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 685

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 685.020