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Administrative History
Northwestern College of Chiropractic was founded in 1941 in Minneapolis, MN, by John B. Wolfe, Sr., D.C., to teach the principles, philosophy, and practice of chiropractic. The school has been located at 608 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1941-1948; 2222 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1949-1973; 1834 Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul, in 1974-1984; and 2501 West 84th Street, Bloomington, from 1985-present. Graduates receive a doctorate of chiropractic (D.C.) degree, and may also earn a bachelor’s degree in human biology.

In 1999, NWCC merged with the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies (MIAHS; founded in 1990 by Edith Davis, Lac, DiplAc), to form Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU), located in Bloomington, MN. MIAHS then became the Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MCAOM) within NWHSU, teaching acupuncture, Oriental medicine principles and practices, and Chinese herbal medicine. Graduates receive a master’s degree in acupuncture (M.Ac.), a master’s degree in Oriental medicine (M.Om.), or a graduate-level certificate in herbal medicine. MCAOM students may also earn a bachelor’s degree in human biology.

The School of Massage Therapy was founded at NWHSU in 2000, teaching relaxation and clinical therapeutic massage. Graduates receive an undergraduate-level certificate in relaxation massage or therapeutic massage, or an associate of applied science degree (A.A.S.) in massage therapy.

The College of Undergraduate Health Sciences was established at NWHSU in 2011, teaching classes for a bachelor of science (B.S.) in human biology completion program, as well as for post-baccalaureate pre-health/pre-medicine students beginning in 2013. The three non-chiropractic colleges and schools were re-organized into the College of Health and Wellness in 2015, which also began offering a program in Applied Clinical Nutrition that year. Graduates from this program receive one or both graduate-level certificates in Nutrition Intervention in Health and Disease or in Health, Wellness, and Human Performance, or a master of health science degree (M.H.S.) in applied clinical nutrition.

According to NWHSU’s University Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):
NWHSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The NCA was founded in 1895 as a membership
organization for educational institutions. The association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Through its commissions, it accredits and grants membership to educational institutions in the 19-state North Central region. The Higher Learning Commission is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1988, and was renewed in 1993, 2001, and 2010.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education has authorized us to award degrees in Minnesota, for the academic programs offered.

The Minnesota State Approving Agency for Veterans Education approves Northwestern Health Sciences University for veterans education benefits.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is a not-for-profit corporation under articles and bylaws registered with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The university is qualified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with the Internal Revenue Services of the United States Department of Treasury. 501(c)(3) status is reserved for organizations operating for educational, religious or charitable purposes.

According to the College of Chiropractic Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):
The Doctor of Chiropractic program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). The Council on Chiropractic Education is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as the official accrediting body for chiropractic education. Northwestern has been a member of CCE since the Commission’s inception in 1965. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1971, and renewed in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1991, 1998, 2005 and 2014. The next regularly scheduled comprehensive evaluation site visit is scheduled for Spring 2022.

According to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):
The Master of Acupuncture and Master of Oriental Medicine programs offered by the University are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), which is the accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the approval of programs preparing acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners. Program accreditation was extended in 2005 and 2010.

According to the Applied Clinical Nutrition Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):
The University is approved by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) to offer the Master of Health Science (MHS) degree and certificate programs in Applied Clinical Nutrition. The NCA is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and professional degrees.

According to the Massage Therapy Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):
Massage Therapy Certificate Program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA), which is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and academic Associate degrees in the practice of massage therapy and bodywork.
Program accreditation was extended in 2014. The next program evaluation is scheduled for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The AAS [Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy] degree program is included in the University’s HLC accreditation.

According to the Undergraduate Health Sciences Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Bachelor of Science in Human Biology degree completion program is recognized as an accredited degree program by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

NWHSU is governed by a Board of Trustees, made up of representatives from the academic, professional, and business communities. The university’s senior leader is the president, Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H. Information on past presidents can be found in the finding aid for NWHSU Archives Collection #13 – NWHSU Presidents.

Scope and Content: [Written by former library technician Corinne Florin] In May of 1991, Northwestern College of Chiropractic (as it was known then) celebrated its 50th anniversary. The school was founded by John B. Wolfe in 1941 and was located in Minneapolis. Dr. Wolfe became the school’s first president and held that post until 1984. This collection is comprised of papers, notes, memoranda, and programs from planning until actual celebration. The festivities were held from May 2-4, 1991, and featured singer John Denver as the entertainment. There were eleven guest speakers during the event, which was presided over by president Donald M. Cassata. The folders in this collection contain printed, photocopied, and handwritten papers. Everything came from a loosely-organized donated box labeled simply “50th Anniversary;” no creator or other identification noted.

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System of Arrangement: Folders are arranged alphabetically by topic/format name. See folder and item titles for more information on contents.

Box 1

Folder 1: Budget
Folder 2: Graduating Classes, 1941-1988
Folder 3: History
Folder 4: Meeting Minutes, 1989-1991
Folder 6: Miscellaneous
Folder 7: Notes
Folder 8: Planning
Folder 9: Programs

Separated Item: Framed resolution from the state of Minnesota congratulating Northwestern Health Sciences University on its 50th anniversary. Dated May 1, 1991, and signed by Speaker of Minnesota House of Representatives, Chair of Rules and Legislative Administration, and State Representative. Measures 12”x17”. Tagged; located MA Cabinet.3.

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