



## Collection 27

### Name and Location of Repository

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**Title:** NWHSU Board of Trustees Collection

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**Name of Creator(s):** Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy board of trustees, Northwestern College of Chiropractic board of trustees

### Administrative History

Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy was founded in 1908 and incorporated on May 18, 1912. It was also called Minnesota Chiropractic College from 1909 onward. According to the article "Teaching Chiropractic in the North Star State: 1899-1941" by John B. Wolfe, Jr., and Monica Howell,

Both names are used interchangeably through at least 1913 (*Bemidji Daily Pioneer*, Aug 12, 1913). This school is sometimes mistakenly called "Minnesota School of Chiropractic" or "Ramsay Chiropractic College" in advertisements and letters of the time, but there is no evidence that they used any of these names themselves.

After starting in rented space, the school bought a building in 1920, which included space for a hospital. They soon bought the building next door as well, but were evicted from this location in 1932, due to back payments. In 1923, MCC was upset to discover that a federal grant they had applied for was instead awarded to the St. Paul College of Chiropractic (Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy 1936)...

In September 1927, "Dr. Ramsay called attention to the passing of a Basic Sciences Bill at the last Legislature which was not in our favor and many of the students did not return to college after the summer vacation because they were afraid of the exams" (Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy 1936). Despite the loss of students, MCC was the only school to survive the Basic Sciences law and continue operating past 1928, until St. Paul Chiropractic College briefly joined the chiropractic school community in 1937-1938 and Northwestern College of Chiropractic in 1941.

Ramsay and the other board members sold the school in September 1934, citing pressing duties with the chiropractic hospital and private practice (Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy 1936). In 1937, the school bought a new building with 22 rooms and an "air-cooling system...making it possible for students to pursue their studies at all times of the year in comfort" (Minnesota Chiropractic College 1937, p9). This building had a clinic on the first floor, dormitory rooms on the second floor, classrooms on the third floor, and dissections in the

basement (Minnesota Chiropractic College 1937, p9). Ramsay remained involved in the college, at least at times, and was a faculty member in 1937-1938, teaching chiropractic technique (Minnesota Chiropractic College 1937, p6).

By 1939, this school was once again the only chiropractic college remaining in the state after St. Paul Chiropractic College closes. Palmer School graduates who needed additional months of classroom time in order to take the Minnesota Board exam and practice in Minnesota kept the for-profit school open. MCC is believed to have closed by 1944, when their current students transferred to Northwestern College of Chiropractic (NWCC). Ramsay continued to hold the charter for MCC until 1946, at which time the charter was given to NWCC founder John B. Wolfe, who attended MCC after graduating from the Palmer School and later taught at MCC, in order to join the two schools' alumni together under the NWCC name (Allenburg & Hinz 2012). By 1946, Minnesota Chiropractic College no longer appears in the Minneapolis City Directory.

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 84<sup>th</sup> 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**

Includes one handwritten minute book from the Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy, later Minnesota Chiropractic College, and four typed and mechanically reproduced minutes books from Northwestern College of Chiropractic. The NWCC books consist of meeting minutes in original copies and in a variety of mechanically reproduced formats, along with additional pages that have been stapled and glued onto book pages, or inserted loose between sheets, included oversized folded material.

All materials were transferred from the Office of the President.

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**Related Archival Materials:** Collection 10 – John B. Wolfe, Sr., Collection; Collection 12 – NWSU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collection; Collection 13 – NWSU Collection of University President Materials; Collection 14 – NWSU Collection of University History Materials

**Publication Note:** none known

## **System of Arrangement**

### **Box 1**

*Series 1:* Minnesota College of Non-Medicinal Therapy, 1912-1936  
Includes one minutes book.

*Series 2:* Northwestern College of Chiropractic, 1961-1985  
Includes four minutes books. Books include pages that have been stapled and glued onto book pages, or inserted loose; paper clips that had no attachments have been removed.

- June 18, 1949 – December 13, 1960
- January 15, 1961 – November 5, 1973
- November 28, 1973 – November 2, 1979
- March 13, 1980 – October 17, 1985

## **Finding Aid Description Information**

### *Sources used:*

- Collection materials
- Unpublished research paper: “Teaching Chiropractic in the North Star State, 1899-1941,” by John B. Wolfe, Jr., and Monica R. Howell, 2017

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