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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.

From the Upper Midwest Midwinter Educational Congress program dated January 26 & 27, 1957 (all capitalization and punctuation original; program found in Collection 21):

Chi Omega Phi is a professional fraternity founded at the Minnesota College of Chiropractic (now the Northwestern College of Chiropractic), in the year of 1936. The Fraternity is devoted to the promotion of and assistance in general education and scientific research in the Chiropractic field and to foster the ethical practice of Chiropractic.

Chi Omega Phi appears to have existed through 1997, as evidenced by the fraternity's inclusion in the student organization section of Northwestern College of Chiropractic yearbooks.

Based on materials included in Collection 21, it appears that NWCC's annual chiropractic Homecoming, which offers continuing education opportunities in addition to alumni celebrations and reunions, began with Chi Omega Phi's annual Upper Midwest Midwinter Educational Congress. The 8th annual Congress took place in 1962, according to the program from that year. These events formed the basis for the development of NWCC's / NWHSU's continuing education programming and office.

Scope and Content

Collection includes advertising and promotional leaflets, and notes and other materials from continuing education programs and events, such as the annual Chiropractic Homecoming and Health & Wellness Symposium. The Health & Wellness Symposium combines what were formerly two separate events: the acupuncture and Chinese medicine-oriented Great River Symposium and the massage therapy-oriented Winter Gathering. The materials in this collection date from after those events were combined, but patrons who are interested in older materials should see the Related Archival Materials section below. Continuing education programs/events may have been put on by the University and the Office of Continuing Education, or may be facilitated and coordinated by the Office, but not put on by the University. All materials are originals as found in leaflet displays outside the Office or at events.

Conditions Governing Access: None

Physical Access: Materials are housed in archival storage and may require advance notice for access.

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Languages and Scripts of Material: English

Other Finding Aids: None

Custodial History: Most materials in this collection were gathered by archivist Monica Howell from materials published by the Office of Continuing Education and made publicly available by them. Some materials, typically event notes, were acquired by requesting a copy from the Office.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Monica Howell, serials librarian and archivist; Office of Continuing Education

Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information: None

Accruals: Anticipated regular accruals as the Office continues to publish materials. An open file folder can be found in the archivist's office to which leaflets are added on an ongoing basis, and added to the collection box(es) when the folder is full.

Existence and Location of Copies: Many copies are likely to exist, as these materials were sent to practitioners to encourage their registration in programs/events, but other copies may not be kept elsewhere long-term.

Related Archival Materials: Many Homecoming, Great River Symposium, and Winter Gathering notes can be found in the Special Collections holdings; consult the library catalog for more information. See also Collection 20 – NWHSU Collection of Professional Convention Programs, Collection 21 – NWHSU Office of Alumni and Development Collection.

Publication Note: None known

System of Arrangement: Materials are separated into two series, Program Leaflets and Event Notes and Materials, and then arranged chronologically within series.

Box 1 – Series 1: Program Leaflets, 2016-

Folder 1: Program Leaflets, 2016-2018

Folder 2: Program Leaflets, 2018- [open to accruals]

Box 1 – Series 2: Event Notes and Materials, 2016-

Folder 1: 2016 Oncology Massage Healing Summit Materials
Includes copies of posters presented at this conference

Folder 2: 2017 Annual License Renewal Seminar Notes

Folder 3: 2018 Chiropractic Homecoming Materials

Folder 4: 2018 Health & Wellness Symposium - Handouts

Folder 5: 2018 Health & Wellness Symposium – Massage Therapy Notes

Folder 6: 2018 Health & Wellness Symposium – Acupuncture / Chinese Medicine Notes

Folder 7: 2018 Oncology Massage Healing Summit Materials

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