

NCNM Student Remarks

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I am reluctantly participating in this 10-year reunion thing. To refresh your memory, why don't you pull my file and see what NCNM tried to do to purge themselves of my presence.

What have I been doing for the last ten years:
My resume is available upon request.

Biggest professional mistake:

Getting involved with a semi-professional group of poverty conscious, insecure people. Being part of the first Portland class, I was constantly amazed at the level of ineptness and negative comparisons made by the administration and staff at NCNM in the early years. No I didn't go to Kansas, and I don't care what you went through. Give it up, we aren't in Kansas any more. I was in Portland and was forced to be part of a co-dependent, mentally inferior-based group of people without a plan or vision or an understanding or appreciation of their naturopathic roots.

I was amazed to find out how people could fulfill their science requirements during 6-week, no-lab courses before classes started, when I had to take these courses at UC Berkeley. The degrees are not all the same, some of us had to pull extra duty in order to graduate. This has never been justified to me. The Board during this time was deceitful and vindictive, selectively choosing people to harass and keep from getting a license. I was kept out of the clinic for 6 months while the administrative rules were changing around me without input or feedback. Does the name Betty Storm mean anything to you? It does to me.

It's a constant amazement to me that academic achievement and success in a practice are not related, and that so many of the graduates are unable to earn a living at their craft of naturopathy. When is the profession going to deal with their past and get a grip on the future?