

## Collection 19

### Name and Location of Repository

Northwestern Health Sciences University, Greenawalt Library. 2501 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN 55431. 952-885-5419. library@nwhealth.edu

**Title:** NWHSU Commencement Programs

**Dates:** Dates below are broken out by college/school. See folder list for complete listing of programs available for each college/school.

- *College of Chiropractic programs:* 1949, 1951, 1953-1963, 1965-1967, 1969-1970, 1972-1991, 1994-1995, 1997-2015
- *Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies / College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs:* 1999-2007, 2009, 2012-2013
- *School of Massage Therapy programs:* 2002-2008, 2012-2013
- *Combined programs for the College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, College of Undergraduate Health Sciences, and School of Massage Therapy:* 2013-2015
- *Combined programs for all colleges/degrees:* 2015-present (*open collection*)

**Extent:** 3 letter-size document cases (*as of December 2016*)

**Name of Creator(s):** Northwestern College of Chiropractic, 1941-1999; Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies, 1999-2000; Northwestern Health Sciences University, 1999-present

### 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 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 NWSU's University Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

NWSU 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**

These programs were created for each commencement ceremony held by Northwestern College of Chiropractic (programs dated March 25, 1949 – July 31, 1999), Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies (programs dated July 24, 1999, and July 8, 2000), and by Northwestern Health Sciences University (programs dated November 20, 1999 – present). Northwestern Health Sciences University has comprised a number of colleges and schools:

- College of Chiropractic (established 1941, graduated classes 1949-present)
- Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (established 1999, graduated classes 2001-2015)
- School of Massage Therapy (established 2000, graduated classes 2002-2015)
- College of Undergraduate Health Sciences (established 2011, graduated classes 2013-2015)
- College of Health and Wellness (established 2015, graduated classes 2015-present).

While diplomas were granted to early Northwestern College of Chiropractic (NWCC) graduates, the first commencement ceremony was held in 1949. MCAOM graduated its first class in 2001. The School of Massage Therapy graduated its first class in 2002. The College of Undergraduate Health Sciences graduated its first class in 2013. The three non-chiropractic colleges and schools began holding joint graduation ceremonies in 2013, and, after being re-organized into the College of Health and Wellness in 2015, joined commencement ceremonies with the College of Chiropractic.

All ceremonies have been held in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area; many took place on site at the school building where the college was housed at the time. The programs may include date, location, order of events, school logo, ceremony number (e.g., the 40<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony was held

August 15, 1980), college hymn, speaker name and information, board of trustees names, faculty names, class officers, graduating class names, student honors, and other information.

Programs have been collected from donations (no details available), by library staff members who attended commencement ceremonies, and from the Office of Student Affairs, and there are gaps in holdings acquired through donations. All materials are originals. One copy is available for each early program unless indicated otherwise. Later programs have two to three copies of each, unless indicated otherwise. Some programs have seating tickets, faculty seating charts, or other inserts.

**Conditions Governing Access:** none

**Physical Access:** Materials are housed in archival storage and may require advance notice for access. Older materials have sustained some damage and should be used with caution.

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**Languages and Scripts of Material:** English

**Other Finding Aids:** none

**Custodial History:** unknown

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** unknown donors, library staff members, Office of Student Affairs

**Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information:** none

**Accruals:** Materials are anticipated to be added following each subsequent commencement ceremony, held one to three times per year.

**Existence and Location of Copies:** none

**Related Archival Materials:** Yearbooks, a 1949 composite photograph of early graduates, commencement ceremony photographs 1940s?-2000s are held in Archives/Special Collections; note that many commencement ceremony photographs feature unidentified students. Student records are held by the Office of the Registrar.

**Publication Note:** none

**Notes:** Most programs in box 1, folders 2-5, and box 2, folders 3-4, have been preservation processed (flattened, staples removed) and have a separation sheet between the programs for each ceremony date. Programs for later dates are of a different size and remain folded.

**System of Arrangement:** Materials are arranged chronologically, starting with the oldest materials.

**Box 1** – Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 1949-2011

*Folder 1:* Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 1949-1980

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates. Includes one copy of each program unless indicated otherwise. Also includes commencement announcement for March 27, 1953.

- March 25, 1949
- September 20, 1951
- March 26, 1954
- September 17, 1954
- September 23, 1955
- September 27, 1956 (2 copies)
- March 28, 1957
- September 19, 1957
- March 27, 1958
- September 18, 1958
- March 26, 1959
- March 24, 1960
- September 15, 1960
- September 21, 1961
- March 29, 1962
- March 21, 1963
- September 16, 1965
- September 13, 1966
- September 15, 1967
- September 20, 1969
- December 5, 1970
- September 30, 1972
- May 12, 1973
- May 4, 1974
- May 10, 1975
- May 1, 1976
- August 7, 1976
- May 7, 1977
- April 29, 1978
- December 9, 1978
- April 29, 1979
- December 8, 1979
- April 26, 1980
- August 15, 1980
- December 12, 1980

*Folder 2: Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 1981-1991*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with one copy available for most programs. Some programs show wear and tear or damage. Programs that include faculty processional and seating information are denoted with an asterisk (\*). Some programs appear to have been donated by Dr. J. LaMoine De Rusha, based on inserts or cover name label.

- May 1, 1981 \*
- August 13, 1982 \*
- December 17, 1982
- April 23, 1983
- August 12, 1983
- December 16, 1983
- April 19, 1984
- April 19, 1985
- August 16, 1985 \*
- December 20, 1985 [oversized; located at back of box]
- August 16, 1986
- December 19, 1986
- April 16, 1987 \*
- August 8, 1987
- December 19, 1987
- April 16, 1988
- August 6, 1988 (2 copies)
- December 17, 1988
- December 16, 1989
- April 14, 1990
- August 4, 1990
- December 15, 1990
- April 13, 1991 (3 copies)
- August 3, 1991
- December 14, 1991

*Folder 3: Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 1994-2001*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for most programs. Some programs show wear and tear or damage.

- April 16, 1994
- April 8, 1995
- August 5, 1995
- November 22, 1997
- April 4, 1998
- August 1, 1998
- November 21, 1998
- April 10, 1999
- July 31, 1999
- November 20, 1999
- April 8, 2000
- July 29, 2000

- November 18, 2000
- April 7, 2001
- July 28, 2001
- November 17, 2001

*Folder 4: Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 2002-2006*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program.

- April 13, 2002
- August 3, 2002
- November 23, 2002
- April 12, 2003
- August 2, 2003
- November 22, 2003
- April 17, 2004
- July 31, 2004
- November 20, 2004
- April 9, 2005
- August 6, 2005
- November 19, 2005
- April 8, 2006

*Folder 5: Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 2006-2011*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- August 5, 2006
- November 17, 2006
- April 14, 2007
- August 4, 2007
- November 17, 2007
- April 5, 2008
- August 1, 2008
- November 22, 2008
- April 17, 2009
- November 20, 2009
- April 9, 2010
- November 19, 2010
- April 8, 2011 (1 copy)

**Box 2 – Graduation Programs, Northwestern Health Sciences University, 1999-2014**

*Folder 1: Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 2012-2013*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- April 13, 2012 (1 copy)
- November 16, 2012

- April 12, 2013
- November 22, 2013

*Folder 2: Graduation Programs, College of Chiropractic, 2014-2015*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- April 4, 2014 (3 copies)
- November 21, 2014 [these programs include an insert for the Presidential inauguration ceremony]
- April 10, 2015

*Folder 3: Graduation Programs, College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, 1999-2013*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise. Programs from 1999 and 2000 are for the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies, later programs are for the College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

- July 24, 1999 (1 copy)
  - Also included is a graduation ceremony announcement
- July 8, 2000 (1 copy)
- July 7, 2001 (2 different versions of preliminary copies; one is oversized and found at back of folder)
- June 29, 2002
- August 16, 2003
- August 14, 2004
- August 13, 2005 (1 copy)
- December 17, 2005
- August 12, 2006
- December 16, 2006
- August 11, 2007
- December 15, 2007
- August 15, 2009
- August 11, 2012
- August 10, 2013

*Folder 4: Graduation Programs, School of Massage Therapy, 2002-2013*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- May 10, 2002 (3 copies)
- August 3, 2002
  - Also includes a package of graduation ceremony announcements [due to size, these are found at back of folder]
- December 14, 2002
- April 12, 2003
- August 16, 2003
- December 20, 2003
- April 17, 2004
- August 14, 2004



- December 18, 2004 proof copy (no final copy available)
  - Also includes a copy of the August 14, 2004, program with updates for the December 18, 2004, program
- April 16, 2005 (1 copy)
- August 13, 2005 (1 copy)
- December 17, 2005 (1 copy)
- April 13, 2006
- August 12, 2006
- December 16, 2006
- April 14, 2007 (1 copy)
- August 11, 2007
- December 15, 2007 (1 copy)
- December 13, 2008
- August 11, 2012 (1 copy)
- August 10, 2013

*Folder 5: Graduation Programs, Combined College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, College of Undergraduate Health Sciences, and School of Massage Therapy, 2013-2014*  
Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- December 14, 2013 (3 copies)
- April 19, 2014
- August 9, 2014
- December 13, 2014

**Box 3 – Graduation Programs, Northwestern Health Sciences University, 2015- (*open collection*)**

*Folder 1: Graduation Programs, Combined College of Health and Wellness and College of Chiropractic, 2015*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with two copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- April 18, 2015
- August 15, 2015
- December 19, 2015

*Folder 2: Graduation Programs, Combined College of Health and Wellness and College of Chiropractic, 2016*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with three copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- April 16, 2016
- August 13, 2016 (2 copies)
- December 17, 2016

*Folder 3: Graduation Programs, Combined College of Health and Wellness and College of Chiropractic, 2017*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with three copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- April 8, 2017 (2 copies)
- August 12, 2017 (College of Health and Wellness only)
- December 16, 2017

*Folder 4: Graduation Programs, Combined College of Health and Wellness and College of Chiropractic, 2018*

Includes commencement ceremony programs for the following dates, with three copies available for each program unless noted otherwise.

- April 14, 2018

### **Finding Aid Description Information**

#### *Sources used:*

- Commencement programs
- Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program Accreditation webpage (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/acupuncture-oriental-medicine/accreditation/>)
- Applied Clinical Nutrition Program Accreditation webpage (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/nutrition/about-the-program/accreditation/>)
- College of Chiropractic Accreditation webpage (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/college-of-chiropractic/accreditation/>)
- Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program Mission and History webpage (<http://www.nwhealth.edu/acupuncture-oriental-medicine/mission-history/>)
- Massage Therapy Program Accreditation webpage (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/school-of-massage-therapy/accreditation/>)
- Northwestern Health Sciences University Catalog, 2015-2016 (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/media/nwhsu-responsive-2015/content-assets/documents/registrar/University%20Catalog%202015-2016%20rev%2003%2008%2016.pdf>)
- Northwestern History webpage (<http://www.nwhealth.edu/get-to-know/university-history/>)
- Undergraduate Health Sciences Accreditation webpage (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/undergraduate-health-sciences/about/accreditation/>)
- University Accreditation webpage (<https://www.nwhealth.edu/academics/accreditation-university/>)
- University Quick Facts webpage (<http://www.nwhealth.edu/get-to-know/quick-facts/>)

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