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Press release

NIMM to become the central provider of chiropractic training in Sweden

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The Scandinavian College of Chiropractic (SKHS) and the Nordic Institute of Manual Medicine (NIMM) share the common goal of strengthening the academic status of chiropractic education in Sweden. The institutions have now agreed that this goal is best achieved by bringing all chiropractic education together under a single educational provider - NIMM.

From the autumn term of 2026, NIMM will become the sole provider of chiropractic education in Sweden. Students from SKHS are being offered the opportunity to have their previous studies validated and credited towards further studies at NIMM. The aim is to ensure continuity for students, make use of accumulated expertise and strengthen the long-term development of chiropractic education in Sweden.

Structured work is now beginning to create the best possible conditions for SKHS students to continue their studies at NIMM. This work is being carried out with procedural fairness, transparency, educational quality and the long-term development of the profession as overarching principles.

For students, the starting point is that the transition should be carried out with clear information, individually tailored support and as much continuity as possible in their course of study. The transition to NIMM must not result in a longer total duration of study or increased tuition fees for students. Practical issues relating to study plans, validation, teaching methods, clinical placements and administration will be addressed in dedicated joint working groups.

SKHS teaching and administrative staff are now working intensively to facilitate the students' transition to NIMM. The parties will also continue their dialogue on how SKHS's chiropractic expertise, teaching competence, research links and professional grounding can best be utilised in NIMM's ongoing development. An important shared starting point is that the chiropractic programme should continue to be shaped with clear professional input from the chiropractic profession.

Comments from SKHS:

"SKHS has, for decades, played a central role in establishing chiropractic and the chiropractic profession in Sweden. For the past twenty-five years, the college has operated under the oversight of the Swedish Higher Education Authority and has provided education qualifying graduates for professional registration. While SKHS's contribution to Swedish chiropractic has been of decisive importance for the profession's growing role within Swedish healthcare, we believe that continued academisation will be strengthened by bringing the professions within manual medicine together in one shared educational environment."

Comments from NIMM:

"For NIMM, this marks an important step in strengthening education in manual medicine. Our ambition is to build a robust academic environment in which naprapathy, chiropractic and osteopathy can develop side by side, while preserving each profession's identity, expertise and clinical tradition."

The decision should be viewed in the context of developments within the manual medicine sector as a whole. Demands for scientific rigour, quality assurance, patient safety, clinical competence and collaboration with the wider healthcare sector are increasing. From this perspective, SKHS and NIMM believe that a unified and long-term sustainable educational environment can create better conditions for both students and the profession.

SKHS has long played a central role in Swedish chiropractic education and has built up significant experience, expertise and professional standing. Through this transition, the parties' shared ambition is that this knowledge can be carried forward and contribute to the development of chiropractic education within NIMM's broader educational environment in manual medicine.

NIMM currently runs programmes in naprapathy and chiropractic and, from the autumn term of 2026, also in osteopathy. The institution is in a strategic development phase with a focus on academic quality, international validation and degree-awarding powers. The transition is in line with NIMM's ambition to bring together and strengthen programmes in manual medicine within a larger, more robust and practice-oriented academic environment.

Work will now focus on the practical and educational administrative issues required to ensure a smooth transition in a safe and controlled manner. Further information will be provided to students, staff and other stakeholders as the work progresses.

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About the Scandinavian College of Chiropractic

SKHS – the Scandinavian College of Chiropractic, was founded in 1983 and is one of Europe’s oldest chiropractic training institutions.

The College is subject to the supervision of the Swedish Higher Education Authority and is the regulatory body for the National Board of Health and Welfare’s chiropractic registration. The College offers courses in both Solna and Skellefteå and gives students the opportunity to study theoretical subjects via distance learning.

From the autumn term of 2026, there will be no further intake for the chiropractic programme, and the college’s students will be given the opportunity to continue their studies at NIMM. Through its collaboration with NIMM, the Scandinavian College of Chiropractic Foundation hopes that chiropractic education in Sweden will be able to obtain degree-awarding powers more quickly and, in the long term, that chiropractic students will have the opportunity to receive state-funded education.

About the Nordic Institute of Manual Medicine

NIMM – the Nordic Institute of Manual Medicine – is the Nordic region’s oldest and largest educational institution in the field of manual medicine. Through its three schools, the School of Naprapathy, the School of Chiropractic and the School of Osteopathy, NIMM offers education in naprapathy, chiropractic and osteopathy.

The institution is subject to state supervision by the Swedish Higher Education Authority. The programmes leading to qualifications as a naprapath or chiropractor are eligible for student finance and constitute prerequisites for applying to the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare for a licence to practise as a naprapath or chiropractor.

At NIMM, the future of manual medicine is brought together in a shared educational environment where clinical competence, scientific grounding and a clear professional identity are developed side by side. With extensive educational experience, strong clinical links and a clear academic focus, NIMM works to strengthen the role of the manual medicine professions within both academia and the healthcare sector. The aim is to train the next generation of naprapaths, chiropractors and osteopaths, and to help shape the future of manual medicine in the Nordic region.

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