



FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

NATURE CARE COLLEGE DELIVERS STUDY/LIFE BALANCE

THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF WESTERN HERBAL MEDICINE COURSE CAN BE STUDIED:

- > Part-time duration 5 years or
- > A study plan can be created by our Course Advisors to suit your individual lifestyle needs

COURSE START DATES

- > Term 1, February
- > Term 2, May (not all units)
- > Term 3, September (not all units)

YOUR STUDY SCHEDULE

Nature Care College's flexible approach to scheduling allows you to select your own class times & study option for each class from the Timetable whether you are studying full-time or part-time.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF WESTERN HERBAL MEDICINE STUDY OPTIONS:

- > On campus or
- > Combination of on campus and distance learning

Our flexible approach allows you the option of starting with on campus studies for a term with the flexibility of changing to distance should your needs change.

Nature Care's Course Advisors are available to assist you with creating a flexible timetable to suit your needs.

WHAT IS A HERBALIST?

A herbalist prescribes and prepares natural remedies specific to their clients' health profiles to diagnose, treat & prevent physical illness or dysfunction using plants and plant parts. These remedies can take the form of tablets, capsules, teas, tinctures, extracts and other herbal preparations.

DO YOU ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT HEALTH AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN HERBS AND PLANTS?

A Herbalist may perform the following:

- Use organic techniques to stimulate the body's capacity for self-healing
- Prescribe herbal medicine to prevent disease and support the body's own ability to return to balance
- Harvest, dry and extract their own herbal medicines
- Offer patients an alternative to chemical drugs

DO YOU ENJOY?

- A desire to help people achieve good health
- Promoting preventive medicine as a complement to conventional medicine
- Listening and observing

SARAH KOTTMANN - HERBALIST/GRADUATE



I EXPERIENCED

a great 5 years at Nature Care. I learnt amazing and interesting things which have help me personally and I will help others with. I have met many wonderful people and will miss seeing them each week.





RECOGNITION OF OUR COURSE



The Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine is Government accredited with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA). The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is the national regulator for Australia's vocational education and training sector.

The Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine is also accredited with the Professional Associations – the National Herbalists Association of Australia (NHAA), the Australian Traditional Medicine Society (ATMS), the Complementary Medicine Association (CMA).

Note: Professional Training Association recognition is determined by the Professional Association and may be subject to change. Whilst the information printed on this outline is current at the time of printing, Nature Care College cannot take responsibility for changes that occur in relation to Professional Association requirements.

YOUR DEGREE PATHWAY

Graduates of Nature Care College's accredited Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine are eligible to apply for articulation into the Bachelor of Health Science (Complementary Medicine) at Charles Sturt University (CSU) or Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine) from Paramount College of Natural Medicine via e-learning. Please contact Student & Learning Services for further information.

Graduates are also eligible for advanced standing in the following Nature Care College qualifications.

- Advanced Diploma of Naturopathy HLT60507
- Advanced Diploma of Nutritional Medicine HLT61007
- Advanced Diploma of Homoeopathy HLT60607

COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

DIVERSITY ADDS TO A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

At Nature Care College, we are committed to welcoming, nurturing and developing growth. Nature Care's students have a wide range of backgrounds such as people straight from school to people with life experience but no educational background. This diversity adds to Nature Care's life-enriching community.

Admission to Nature Care College is based on program entry requirements. This may include but is not limited to academic merit, knowledge and skills achieved through formal courses of study, work experience, mature age entry and the potential for tertiary study.

Selection Process: For Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, Nature Care does not require students to have any specific prior knowledge or a particular University Admissions Index (UAI) for course entry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- To qualify for admission course entry is through high school matriculation or mature age entry of 21 years and over
- Writing and submitting a personal statement indicating your special areas of interest, any related experience you may have, and why you wish to undertake the course (limited to one A4 page)
- Applicants may be requested to participate in a phone or in person appointment with a Course Advisor prior to final selection

YOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS

VET FEE-HELP The Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine is fully funded by VET FEE-HELP. Students can obtain an Australian Government student loan for all or part of their tuition fees. Please refer to www.naturecare.com.au for further information on VET FEE-HELP.

PAY TERM BY TERM AS YOU GO Study programs can be structured to suit your individual lifestyle needs. Course fees are charged on a term by term basis & are dependant on the number of units of study you enrol into each term.

SPREAD THE COST OF YOUR COURSE THROUGHOUT THE TERM Payment Plans provide an option for students to spread the cost of your course fees through out the term, in weekly or fortnightly instalments. A 50% deposit on the terms fees is payable at enrolment, the remaining fees are then spread through out the term. A 10% surcharge applies to the outstanding balance for the use of a Payment Plan.



REASONS TO STUDY AT NATURE CARE COLLEGE [THE NATURE CARE BENEFIT]

- We are Australia's most experienced trainers of natural therapists, established in 1973
- Course study plans are designed to maximise learning outcomes & allow time for interactive class discussions
- Work Ready qualifications that allow you to start practising immediately upon graduation
- Bachelor Articulation Pathways
- Our highly regarded Nature Care Clinic – vital to put theory into practice, working with the general public as patients and being closely mentored by specialist practitioners
- Nature Care College graduates are the industry preferred employees
- Flexible study options providing study/life balance
- VET FEE-HELP funding & flexible payment options
- Nature Care College's unique campus atmosphere & wide demographic of students
- The Nature Care Café – in-house vegetarian café
- Library
- Job Assistance – a multitude of job opportunities advertised through Nature Care College

YOUR TRAINERS

Nature Care College trainers are professionals who are passionate about their fields of expertise. They bring a wealth of knowledge, clinical expertise and industry experience to provide for you an exciting, engaging and relevant educational experience as you learn the knowledge and skills needed to be a competent and successful natural therapies practitioner.

YOUR QUALIFICATION

Nature Care College is proud to offer what we believe is the comprehensive and rewarding herbalist course in Australia. Being the oldest method of treatment, herbal medicine is thriving internationally, and medical herbalists educated in Australia are amongst the best trained in the world.

CAN I APPLY FOR RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL), CREDIT TRANSFERS & NATIONAL RECOGNITION AT NATURE CARE COLLEGE?

At Nature Care College we recognise prior learning and encourage you to apply. If you have fully or partially completed a nationally endorsed Training Package and Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) accredited course you can apply for National Recognition of Recognition of Current Competencies.

If you have fully or partially completed studies in the last 10 years with a recognised Higher Education provider within Australia you can apply for Credit Transfer.

If you have acquired knowledge and skills through avenues other than those mentioned above you are encouraged to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning.

Further details can be found on our website <http://www.naturecare.com.au/enrolment/?id=57> or alternatively please contact a Course Advisor who will assist you with the process.

DID YOU KNOW?

A STUDY INTO THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE IN AUSTRALIA FOUND **MILLIONS IN HEALTHCARE COSTS COULD BE SAVED** WITHOUT COMPROMISING PATIENT OUTCOMES IF COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE WERE MORE WIDELY USED

THE GLOBAL MARKET FOR HERBAL REMEDIES ALONE IS ESTIMATED AT **\$83 BILLION DOLLARS** (EXCLUDING SOY, ALGAE & FIBRE)

DOCTORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RATED THE TOP SOURCE OF RECOMMENDING COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE INFORMATION *WITH **2 IN 3 AUSTRALIANS USING COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINES EACH YEAR**

*Roy Morgan Research, Catalent Australia 2008

All other statistics obtained from the National Institute of Complementary Medicine (an Australian Government initiative)

RECOMMENDED STUDY PLANS



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RECOMMENDED PART TIME 5 YEAR STUDY PLAN

	Term One	Term Two	Term Three
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 1A1 & 1B Anatomy & Physiology 1A Chemistry 1A Traditions in Herbal Medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 1A2 & 1C Anatomy & Physiology 1B Chemistry 1B Develop Professional Expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 1A3 & 1D Anatomy & Physiology 1C Chemistry 1C Evidence Based Practice
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 2A1 & 2B1 Anatomy & Physiology 2A Biochemistry 1A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 2A2, 2B2 & 2C1 Anatomy & Physiology 2B Biochemistry 1B Wet Lab 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 2A3 & 2C2 Anatomy & Physiology 2C Biochemistry 1C Wet Lab 2
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 3A Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 1A Business Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 3B Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 1B Safe Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 3C Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 1C
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 4A Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 2A Nutrition 1A Communicate With Clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 4B Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 2B Nutrition 1B Communicate In Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 4C Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 2C Nutrition 1C
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 5A Clinical Studies (Naturopathic) 1A Pharmacology Student Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 5B Clinical Studies (Naturopathic) 1B Naturopathic Diagnosis Physical Examination & Integrated Pathology Student Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbal Medicine 5C Clinical Studies (Naturopathic) 1C Modern Phytotherapy Clinical Supervision - Ingestive Apply First Aid Student Clinic

CAREER PATHS TO CONSIDER PRIVATE PRACTICE | SPA OR GYM PRACTITIONER
 INDUSTRY COMPANY PRACTITIONER | PRACTITIONER ADVISORY SERVICE | RESEARCH |
 PUBLISHING | EDUCATION | HEALTH SERVICE | AGED CARE | CONSULTING WORK

COURSE CONTENT



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Individual Unit of Study Course Outlines can be downloaded from the website for all classes www.naturecare.com.au homepage under 'Course Finder'. The outline has the course description, pre & co-requisites, assessment, textbook & week by week lesson outline information.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF WESTERN HERBAL MEDICINE COURSE CONTENT

Module Name	Hours
Herbal Medicine 1A1, 1A2, 1A3 (Introduction)	72 hours
Herbal Medicine 1B (Botany)	24 hours
Herbal Medicine 1C (Manufacturing)	24 hours
Herbal Medicine 1D (Local Medicinal Plants & Weeds)	24 hours
Herbal Medicine 2A1, 2A2, 2A3 (Therapeutics)	72 hours
Herbal Medicine 2B1, 2B2 (Pharmacognosy)	48 hours
Herbal Medicine 2C1, 2C2 (Female Reproductive System)	48 hours
Herbal Medicine 3A, 3B, 3C (Therapeutics)	72 hours
Herbal Medicine 4A, 4B, 4C	72 hrs (distance learning)
Herbal Medicine 5A, 5B, 5C	72 hrs (distance learning)
Traditions in Herbal Medicine	24 hours
Modern Phytotherapy	24 hours
Chemistry 1A, 1B, 1C	72 hours
Biochemistry 1A, 1B, 1C	72 hours
Anatomy & Physiology 1A, 1B, 1C	72 hours
Anatomy & Physiology 2A, 2B, 2C	72 hours
Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 1A, 1B, 1C	144 hours
Symptomatology, Diagnosis & Pathology 2A, 2B, 2C	72 hours
Physical Examination & Integrated Pathology	24 hours
Naturopathic Diagnosis	36 hours
Pharmacology	36 hours
Clinical Studies (Naturopathic) 1A, 1B, 1C	40 hours
Wet Labs 1 & 2	2 sessions
Nutrition 1A, 1B, 1C	72 hours
Communicate With Clients	24 hours
Communicate In Health	24 hours
Safe Practices	12 hours
Business Skills	21 hours
Develop Professional Expertise	24 hours
Evidence Based Practice	14 hours
Clinical Supervision - Ingestive	24 hours
Herbal Medicine Student Clinic	min. 225 hours
Apply First Aid	12 hours