

Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy)

Course Information

Naturopathy aims to restore vitality through supporting and stimulating the body's own healing mechanisms. Naturopathy today occupies an important and prominent role in the contemporary health-care system with a rich history dating back thousands of years. Health, from a naturopathic perspective, involves the capacity to maintain optimal order and function of the body (homeostasis) and is an outcome of a healthy mind, body, spirit and environment. A modern scientific approach is applied with the 'power of nature' to recognise the ability of the body to overcome disease. An ACNT trained Naturopath can clinically assess, diagnose and treat patients through the use of herbal medicine, homoeopathy, nutritional and lifestyle advice.

This four-year degree is an approved qualification and recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). It provides a holistic clinical environment, where you will be trained how to stimulate the body's natural recuperative powers and maintain health and wellbeing.

Qualification Title	BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (NATUROPATHY)		
Study Options – Domestic Australian students	Full-time On-campus or Part-time, Blended Delivery (Sydney and Brisbane)	Study options – Overseas students	Full time on Campus
Start Dates	February, June, September	Course Length	Full Time: 4 years Part Time: 8 years
Entry Requirements	<p>Year 12 or equivalent with ATAR 60</p> <p>Additional course entry requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Certificate, Working with Children and Police Check before commencing clinical subjects • Pass in a science subject at senior secondary level recommended • Pass in standard English Band 4 or above <p>Special entry requirements Demonstrated ability to undertake study at this level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work experience, and/or other formal, informal or non-formal study attempted and/or completed 	Finance Options - Domestic Australian students	HE-FEE HELP

	For international applicants equivalent IELTS 6.5 (Academic) with no skills band less than 5.5.		
Course study requirements	<p>Full Time: 4 years Part Time: 8 years</p> <p>Full time = 3 x 10 week trimesters (1 year), plus examinations in week 12</p> <p>Part time = 6 x 10 week trimesters (over two years)</p> <p>No. of timetabled hours per week:</p> <p>Full time = 4 x 3hr classes per week. Plus self-study <40hrs total per week.</p> <p>Part time = 2 x 3hr classes per week. Plus self-study <20hrs total per week.</p>	Assessment	Each subject you complete includes 3 assessments on average. Assessments are mapped to specific subject learning outcomes and may include quizzes, written assignments, presentation, reflective journal, case analysis, literature review, practical exams and written exams.
Location	Sydney Campus Brisbane Campus	Delivered by	Australasian College of Natural Therapies (ACNT)
Accrediting body	Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency	CRICOS Course code	084576J

What you will learn:

Biological and social sciences, research, naturopathic and clinical studies, alongside study in nutritional medicine, western herbal medicine, iridology, flower essences and homeopathy. Students will gain hands on experience at the Wellbeing Clinic under the guidance of experienced naturopaths in a clinical setting treating public patients. This prepares graduates to confidently and successfully commence practice in the community.

ACNT has a student clinic, The Wellbeing Clinic, on campus in Brisbane and Sydney, where students can observe and treat patients in a clinical setting under the supervision of expert practitioners. Students commence clinical studies with a common three-subject series of Clinical Studies 1, 2 and 3, in which students observe clinical practice, learn basic counselling, case taking and analysis skills. The Naturopathy specialisation incorporates five subsequent clinical units: Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1, 2 and 3, and Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1 and 2.

Assessment methods:

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Your study, your way: degrees at ACNT:

At ACNT we offer a range of flexible options to suit you. Every ACNT subject has a range of resources available online to support your learning and allow you access to study when it best suits you. We call this a blended approach – blending self-directed study with directed quizzes and activities (online) and face-to-face teaching in one of our purpose-built teaching spaces.

Some subjects are available fully online, while other subjects must be taken on-campus, in one of our specialist facilities. Other subjects are offered in both modes, and you can choose which one suits you.

Most of the subjects are designed around the principles of the “flipped classroom”: you learn through doing, not just through listening. The flipped classroom model provides you with the opportunity to study and absorb lecture material at your own pace before class. This might involve reading articles or texts, watching presentations or listening to podcasts.

Rather than sitting in rows and listening to a lecturer up the front for an hour or more, you’ll come to class prepared having read through or listened to the subject material online. Guided by an expert in the field, you will then find a much more interactive and collaborative environment in which to consolidate and apply the things you’ve learned.

If you choose to study some subjects online, you will be part of an active online class, with discussions, forums and activities. You will receive comprehensive learning materials (in electronic form) clearly laid out in a week by week format to make sure you cover each topic in turn. You will have access to dedicated online teachers to answers any questions you may have regarding your subjects and you’ll see them and hear them in interactive presentations online.

Students enrol at ACNT because they want to become expert practitioners and The Wellbeing Clinic at Pymont and Brisbane campus provides the perfect hands on teaching environment to hone your craft. The Wellbeing Clinic is a real-life, multi-modality clinic serving the needs of the surrounding communities. You’ll treat real patients, and work with a professional clinic team, gaining experience in all aspects of working in, and running your own clinical practice, engaging with real clients in a safe and supervised environment. You’ll undergo a transformation from theoretical student to graduate practitioner, all under the expert supervision of some of Australia’s best clinicians.

Course Structure: Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy)

Year 1	Study period 1	BHS101A Anatomy & Physiology 1	BHS103A Counselling & Communication Skills	CAM105A Herbal Medicine Manufacturing	CAM101A History & Philosophy of Complementary & Alternative Medicine
	Study period 2	BHS104A Anatomy & Physiology 2	BHS102A Bioscience	CAM102A Botany	CAM103A Nutritional Foundations 1

	Study period 3	BHS106A Anatomy & Physiology 3	BHS105A Biochemistry 1	BHS107A Research & Evidence-Based Practice	CAM203A Nutritional Foundations 2
Year 2	Study period 4	BHS201A General Pathology	BHS202A Biochemistry 2	CAM202A WHM Materia Medica 1	CAM201A Food as Medicine
	Study period 5	BHS203A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 1	CAM206A Clinical Studies 1	CAM205A Nutritional Biochemistry	CAM204A WHM Materia Medica 2
	Study period 6	BHS204A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 2	CAM209A Homoeopathy 1	CAM208A Lifespan Nutrition	CAM207A WHM Pharmacology
Year 3	Study period 7	BHS301A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 3	CAM303A Homoeopathy 2	CAM302A Iridology	CAM301A Health Promotion
	Study period 8	CAM307A Health Assessment & Diagnostic Techniques	CAM306A Nutritional Therapeutics 1	CAM308A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 1	CAM305A Clinical Studies 2
	Study period 9	BHS302A Drug & Integrated Pharmacology	CAM312A Nutritional Therapeutics 2	CAM315A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 2	CAM311A Clinical Studies 3
Year 4	Study period 10	BHS401A Professional Practice	CAM402A Advanced Herbal Medicine	CAM406A Flower Essence Therapy	CAM401A Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1
	Study period 11	Elective	CAM405A Integrative Complementary Medicine 1	CAM403A Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 2	CAM404A Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3
	Study period 12	Elective	CAM407A Integrative Complementary Medicine 2	CAM408A Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1	CAM409A Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 2

Course Subject Descriptions

Subjects are listed below by subject code please refer to Course Structure for delivery pattern. Please note these subject descriptions are subject to change.

Each subject is worth 10 credit points, totaling 120 credit points per year of study. Each subject includes 4 hours of teaching (e.g. classroom hours, tutorials, group work, online activities) and approximately 6 hours of self-directed study per week, totaling 10 hours of study per week for each enrolled subject.

Subject Code & Subject Name	Subject description
BHS101A Anatomy & Physiology 1	<p>Anatomy and Physiology 1 (BHS101A) introduces the basic concepts and terminologies required to study and understand the structure and function of the human body. The interaction between tissues, organs and systems that maintain homeostasis is covered in detail. In addition, this subject covers the structure and function of cells and epithelial tissue, the internal structural anatomy of the human body and the integumentary and musculoskeletal systems.</p> <p>This subject is vital in the education of all complementary health practitioners, as it enables them to understand the structure and function of the human body as well as the importance of homeostasis and the ways in which the body maintains this balance.</p>
BHS102A Bioscience	<p>Bioscience (BHS102A) provides a foundational knowledge for further studies in anatomy and physiology, clinical nutrition, biochemistry and pharmacology. It comprises the study of relevant concepts of general, physical and organic chemistry and includes atomic theory, the periodic table, chemical compound structure, nomenclature, behaviour and bonding as well as organic compounds and their basic properties and reactions.</p> <p>Bioscience (BHS102A) is a crucial component of the modern healthcare practitioner's education in order to provide the basic building blocks for structural and therapeutic knowledge.</p>
BHS103A Counselling & Communication Skills	<p>Counselling & Communication Skills (BHS103A) encompasses counselling skills commonly needed by complementary and alternative healthcare practitioners. This subject comprises a practical approach to a variety of communication skills and strategies including promoting change, compliance, obstacles to change, systems, transition and self-care. Sessions facilitate the development of effective listening and responding skills, increased personal awareness and insight in order to assist the building of a therapeutic relationship.</p> <p>This subject is vital in the education of all complementary healthcare practitioners, as it enables them to understand and put into use communication skills essential for building a therapeutic relationship in practice and supporting clients through change.</p>

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BHS104A Anatomy & Physiology 2	<p>Anatomy and Physiology 2 (BHS104A) builds and expands on the information and skills learnt in Anatomy and Physiology 1 (BHS101A). This subject continues to investigate the structure and function of the human body with special attention given to the interaction between tissues, organs and systems that maintain homeostasis. The structure and function of the respiratory, cardiovascular, immune, lymphatic and special senses systems are covered in detail including the homeostatic control mechanisms of each system and the integration of the systems in the body.</p> <p>The study of Anatomy and Physiology 2 (BHS104A) is vital in the education of healthcare practitioners to enable them to understand the structure and function of the human body as well as the importance of homeostasis and the ways in which the body maintains balance.</p>
BHS105A Biochemistry 1	<p>Biochemistry 1 (BHS105A) is a core subject that builds upon the basic chemistry principles covered in Bioscience (BHS102A). It comprises an introduction to the basic biochemical compounds in the body. This subject includes the structure and function of carbohydrates, amino acids, proteins, enzymes, lipids and nucleic acid, DNA and RNA. The concept of gene expression and regulation is discussed in addition to cellular membrane structure and transport through the membrane.</p> <p>This subject provides a vital foundation for the complementary healthcare practitioner in the basic macromolecules essential for life. This knowledge will be built upon and expanded on in Biochemistry 2 (BHS202A) and further therapeutic subjects</p>
BHS106A Anatomy & Physiology 3	<p>Anatomy and Physiology 3 (BHS106A) builds and expands on the study of anatomy and physiological concepts introduced in Anatomy and Physiology 1 (BHS101A) & 2 (BHS104A). This subject continues to investigate the structure and function of the human body with special attention given to the interaction between tissues, organs and systems that maintain homeostasis. The structure and function of the digestive, endocrine, urinary and reproductive systems are covered in detail including the homeostatic control mechanisms of each system and the integration of the systems in the body. This subject is vital in the education of healthcare practitioners to enable them to understand the structure and function of the human body as well as the importance of homeostasis and the ways in which the body maintains balance.</p>
BHS107A Research & Evidence-Based Practice	<p>Research & Evidence Based Practice (BHS107A) provides essential knowledge in research methods and research article evaluation for complementary medicine students. This subject introduces the fundamentals of research practice and methods for the natural therapies including research design, methodology, analysis and basic statistical skills. This subject provides the student with the proficiency to be able to appropriately read, analyse and evaluate current healthcare research.</p>

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BHS201A General Pathology	<p>General Pathology (BHS201A) introduces the basic pathological processes operating in the body and the ways in which disease may result from injurious stimuli. Basic pathological processes of response to injury, growth abnormalities, degenerative disorders of the musculoskeletal and neurological systems, immunology, toxicology and microbiology, and their characteristic diseases are studied.</p> <p>This subject is vital in the education of all complementary healthcare practitioners as it enables them to understand the nature of various disease states, and correlates these at a cellular and gross anatomical level with clinical signs and symptoms that may be seen in practice.</p>
BHS202A Biochemistry 2	<p>Biochemistry 2 (BHS202A) is a core subject that builds upon the basic chemistry principles set forth in Bioscience (BHS102A) and the basic biochemical principles set forth in Biochemistry 1 (BHS105A). This subject explains the processes of macromolecule metabolism and energy production and storage in the body. Included in this subject is the metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids and amino acids, the role of ATP and acetyl CoA in metabolism, oxidative phosphorylation and the electron transport chain and biosignalling and chemical communication. A basic introduction to humoral and cellular immune response is also discussed. Biochemistry 2 (BHS202A) provides a vital foundation for the complementary healthcare practitioner in the basic macromolecules essential for life. . In the Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy and Nutritional Medicine), this is also built upon in Nutritional Biochemistry (CAM205A).</p>
BHS203A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 1	<p>Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 1 (BHS203A) builds upon the basic pathological principles established in General Pathology (BHS201A) and comprises the pathophysiology, symptomatology and clinical physical diagnostics for various disease states. This subject includes diseases of the gastrointestinal, neurological and cardiovascular systems. Clinical diagnostic skills for these various body systems are introduced together with laboratory diagnosis and include: examination techniques, commonly used laboratory tests and analysis and interpretation of findings.</p>
BHS204A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 2	<p>Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 2 (BHS204A) is a core subject that builds upon the concepts covered in Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 1 (BHS203A). This subject is comprised of the pathophysiology, symptomatology and clinical physical diagnostics for various disease states of the hematologic, pulmonary, musculoskeletal and integumentary systems. Clinical diagnostic skills for these various body systems are introduced together with laboratory diagnosis and include examination techniques, commonly used laboratory techniques and interpretation of findings.</p>

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BHS301A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 3	Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 3 (BHS301A) is a core subject that builds upon basic concepts covered in Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 2 (BHS204A). This subject comprises the pathophysiology, symptomatology and clinical physical diagnostics for various disease states of gerontology and aging and the endocrine, renal, urological and reproductive systems. Clinical diagnostic skills for these various body systems are introduced together with laboratory diagnosis and include examination techniques, commonly used laboratory techniques and interpretation of findings.
BHS302A Drug & Integrated Pharmacology	<p>Drug & Integrated Pharmacology (BHS302A) comprises a study of basic principles of pharmacology, the pharmacokinetics of drugs commonly used in medical practice and common interactions between drugs and natural remedies. Drugs for pain, inflammation, psychological functions, cancer, infection and the cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, reproductive and endocrine systems are discussed.</p> <p>Drug actions, uses, contraindications, adverse effects and interactions with natural remedies are discussed, together with implications for naturopathic prescribing. This subject is crucial for the modern healthcare practitioner to understand common medications that clients may be taking and common interactions between these medications and natural remedies. This subject also emphasizes the need for clear lines of communication and common language between doctors and complementary healthcare practitioners in order to obtain the best health outcomes for clients.</p>
BHS401A Professional Practice	Professional Practice (BHS401A) comprises the basic skills needed for the operation and management of a complementary healthcare practice and provides an understanding of the legal and ethical requirements that are pertinent to the complementary healthcare.
CAM101A History & Philosophy of Complementary & Alternative Medicine	This subject explores the historical and philosophical paradigm of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) that underpins clinical practice and examines a range of different modalities currently practised in Australia. This subject aims to provide the clinical practitioner with a sound knowledge and understanding of the history, philosophy and science of CAM with particular emphasis on naturopathy, nutritional medicine and western herbal medicine. During the trimester students will have the opportunity to observe complementary and alternative medicine practice within the college clinic to further their understanding of how natural medicine history and philosophy under-pins current clinical practice.
CAM102A Botany	Botany is the first subject in the stream of herbal medicine. It introduces students to the study of plant biology. Plant nomenclature, classification and identification are discussed with special regard to relevance for the study of Western herbal medicine. Students may participate in field trips and walks to enhance their learning.

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CAM103A Nutritional Foundations 1	In this subject, students undertake a detailed and in-depth study of the macronutrients, protein, carbohydrates and lipids, and how these relate to human metabolism. Each individual macronutrient is studied in regards to their composition, biological function, dietary sources, recommended daily intake, factors contributing to excess states, and states of insufficiency and deficiency; and signs and symptoms associated with nutrient imbalances . This subject is a foundational subject across the degrees of Nutritional Medicine, Naturopathy and Western Herbal Medicine as it provides students with fundamental knowledge associated with human metabolism, and begins to build an understanding of the importance of nutrition in relation to human physiology and health.
CAM105A Herbal Medicine Manufacturing	This subject builds on herbal medicine concepts introduced in Botany (CAM102A). Students are introduced to legal, manufacturing and quality issues regarding herbal medicine-making in Australia. Students are familiarised with different forms of herbal preparations exploring their definition, application, manufacturing techniques, herbs used and preservation methods. Students explore common herbs that may be applicable in different herbal formulations. This information is then applied in practice laboratory sessions where students learn to manufacture different herbal preparations using different techniques.
CAM201A Food as Medicine	This subject introduces students to the concept that food can be used as a form of medicine. Historical data and current research in the field of nutritional science has provided evidence that traditional dietary combinations and certain naturally occurring constituents found in food can initiate physiological effects in humans. This phenomenon has given rise to the term functional foods, and is now part of popular culture. This subject therefore makes an important contribution to the education of students studying health science building their awareness of the potential therapeutic function of food.
CAM202A WHM Materia Medica 1	This subject builds on herbal medicine concepts introduced in Botany (CAM102A) and Herbal Medicine Manufacturing (CAM105A). It introduces the student to WHM materia medica and herbal medicine concepts. Introductory herbal medicine theories are explored including discussion of herbal medicine origins, contemporary use of herbal medicine, herbal medicine language and terminology and differences between traditional and scientific evidence based medicine. Students will explore herbal medicine materia medica relating to the digestive, integumentary, immune and respiratory systems, by learning the common name, botanical name, origin, plant family, active constituents, qualities, part used, actions, indications, preparation, dose, cautions, contraindications and interaction of each herb.

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CAM203A Nutritional Foundations 2	In this subject, students undertake a detailed and in-depth study of the micronutrients which includes water- and fat-soluble vitamins and minerals and how these relate to human metabolism. This subject provides students with underpinning knowledge in relation to the correlation that exists between micronutrients and human physiology. Each individual micronutrient is studied in regards to structure, biological function, dietary sources, recommended daily intake and therapeutic doses. Also included are factors contributing to, and symptoms associated with, states of excess, insufficiency and deficiency. An introduction to nutrition throughout the lifespan completes this unit.
CAM204A WHM Materia Medica 2	This subject builds on WHM Materia Medica 1 (CAM202A). It explores WHM materia medica relating to the nervous, urinary, circulatory, cardiovascular, endocrine, female and male reproductive systems by learning the common name, botanical name, origin, plant family, active constituents, qualities, part used, actions, indications, preparation, dose, cautions, contraindications and interaction of each herb.
CAM205A Nutritional Biochemistry	This subject builds on the introductory units of Biochemistry and Nutritional Foundations 1 & 2 (BHS105A, CAM103A & CAM203A) providing students with foundational knowledge of nutritional biochemistry, which is essential for their further studies in nutrition. Students examine the forms, functions, mechanisms and actions of vitamins and minerals. Metabolism is examined from a nutritional biochemistry perspective, as oxidation, inflammation, and neurotransmitter synthesis. Students will also be introduced into the growing field of nutrigenomics.
CAM206A Clinical Studies 1	<p>Bachelor of Health Science (majoring in Naturopathy, Western Herbal Medicine and Nutritional Medicine) commence clinical studies with a common three subject series of Clinical Studies 1, 2 and 3 in which students observe clinical practice, develop communication and learn basic counselling skills and professional ethical practice.</p> <p>Students will complete 25 hours of external observation over the trimester. In these external placements, students familiarise themselves with the day-to-day operation of naturopathic, nutritional, western herbal medicine and other health-care practices. They will observe practitioners and clients in consultation, undertake a range of administrative tasks and observe dispensaries in action. In addition, students will be guided through the process of reflective practice, learning how to reflectively write and analysis their clinical development.</p> <p>This subject serves as an introduction into the operation of complementary health clinics from the perspective of the client and the practitioner. It provides an opportunity for the student to develop an awareness of the application of professional skills in a clinical setting. These skills are not only to do with the practice of complementary medicine but also generic clinical skills such as interpersonal relations, legal and ethical compliance business acumen and an appreciation of the Australian health care system.</p>

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CAM207A WHM Pharmacology	This subject builds on herbal medicine concepts introduced in WHM Materia Medica 1 (CAM202A), and 2 (CAM204A). It introduces the student to herbal phytochemistry and pharmacology. Herbal concepts are explored including discussion of chemical complexity, synergy of medicinal plants and factors influencing the quality of herbal medicines. Students will explore the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics related to herbal medicines, and extend their knowledge of safety issues and interactions in relation to medicinal plants.
CAM208A Lifespan Nutrition	In this subject students will examine the range of nutritional requirements that impact people at particular life stages including pre-conception, pregnancy, during lactation; infant, toddler, adolescent, adult and geriatric populations, as well as the specific issues affecting indigenous communities. Major non-communicable health conditions including obesity, cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular disease will also be explored.
CAM209A Homoeopathy 1	This subject introduces the student to the study of homeopathy and covers an introduction to homeopathic philosophy and prescribing as well as the homeopathic laws. Students are introduced to the concept of homeopathic problem definition and resolution, and introduced to case taking and principles of prescribing, case analysis and the use of homeopathic remedies. A range of acute remedies are discussed in relation to simple conditions that commonly present in a naturopathic practice.
CAM301A Health Promotion	This subject provides students with the knowledge and understanding of health promotion concepts within various settings within Australia. Students are introduced to the key theories and concepts regarding behavioural change as it relates to health status. This subject provides students with the opportunity to integrate their counselling and nutrition knowledge to devise and assess health promotion interventions.
CAM302A Iridology	This subject introduces the basic concepts of iridology, types of iris signs and application to the concentric zones of the iris, as well as the study of individual organ signs in the iris. Variations of structure, colour and proportion in the iris are observed, analysed and interpreted in terms of an individual's health status, and will be used as a diagnostic aid in the formulation of a naturopathic treatment plan.
CAM303A Homoeopathy 2	This subject refines students' skills in acute homeopathic case taking and prescribing. The homeopathic laws of cure are reinforced and related to prognosis, recognition of recovery signs, remedy reactions and dosage considerations. Students analyse the data obtained when receiving a homeopathic case in terms of Hahnemannian homeopathy. Knowledge of the homeopathic materia medica is expanded and the use of homeopathic complexes is examined in relation to the body systems.

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CAM305A Clinical Studies 2	<p>This is the second of three Clinical Studies subjects common to Bachelor of Health Science (majoring in Naturopathy, Western Herbal Medicine and Nutritional Medicine).</p> <p>This subject provides students with the opportunity to develop their pre-clinical and case history taking skills in a workshop setting. Students will explore a variety of case taking methods incorporating holistic, complementary and contemporary case taking methods. Students will be actively engaged in case taking examples including the use of paper based, audio and video cases.</p> <p>This subject also builds on their understanding of the clinical practice as students will be undertaking 25 hours of clinical observation in the college student clinic over the trimester. Student will become familiarised in all facets of college clinic administration and procedures.</p>
CAM306A Nutritional Therapeutics 1	<p>Nutritional Therapeutics 1 (CAM306A) is the first of two units in which students begin to integrate their science and nutritional knowledge for the support and treatment of particular health conditions. Students will examine specific body systems and associated health conditions, and develop treatment approaches in a case based learning environment. The digestive, neurological, immune, respiratory systems will be examined as will conditions affecting the special senses including the eyes and ears.</p>
CAM307A Health Assessment & Diagnostic Techniques	<p>In this subject students will use and expand on their knowledge of clinical diagnosis and nutritional assessment. Students will explore the diverse range of assessment techniques commonly used by complementary and alternative health professionals. They will be introduced to the functional interpretation of general pathology results and functional pathology.</p>
CAM308A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 1	<p>This subject builds on herbal medicine concepts introduced in WHM Materia Medica 1 & 2 (CAM202A, CAM204A) and WHM Pharmacology (CAM207A). Students learn how to devise Western herbal therapeutic strategies and formulations for health conditions and theoretical cases. Students will explore herbal medicine therapeutic protocols relating to the digestive, biliary, immune, ophthalmological, upper respiratory, lower respiratory, integumentary, musculoskeletal and circulatory systems. Students learn how to formulate herbal dosages and dosage protocols. Tutorials will apply this information to theoretical case studies.</p>

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CAM311A Clinical Studies 3	<p>Following on from Clinical Studies 2 (CAM305A) students will now apply their theoretical knowledge of case taking, biomedicine and therapeutics to a conduct detailed case analysis and construction of therapeutic prescriptions. In this classroom based subject, students will work in small groups to practice and refine client consultation, case analysis and development of treatment methodology skills with 'real' clients.</p> <p>After the introductory phase, students (under the guidance of an experienced practitioner) will participate in a simulated clinic environment, each week an assigned group will have responsibility for conducting the client consultation, there is one primary practitioner and a secondary practitioner. The class group will then have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions from the patient prior to the patient's departure.</p> <p>Facilitated by the experienced practitioner, the class will then work collaboratively to develop a detailed analysis using biomedical, holistic, CAM and naturopathic analysis techniques. Students will proceed through the process of summarising, prioritising, analysing, filtering, determining a therapeutic strategy, treatment plan and prescription – modality specific. Upon case completion the leading practitioners receive one on one feedback from the supervisor at the end of the session.</p>
CAM312A Nutritional Therapeutics 2	<p>Nutritional Therapeutics 2 (CAM312A) builds upon Nutritional Therapeutics 1 (CAM306A) in which students begin to integrate their science and nutritional knowledge for the support and treatment of particular health conditions. Students will examine specific body systems and associated health conditions, and develop treatment approaches in a case based learning environment. The endocrine, cardiovascular, musculoskeletal reproductive, genito-urinary and dermatological systems will be examined.</p>
CAM315A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 2	<p>This subject builds on herbal medicine concepts introduced in Herbal Therapeutics 1. Students continue to learn to devise Western herbal therapeutic strategies and formulations for health conditions and theoretical cases. Students will explore herbal medicine therapeutic protocols relating to the nervous system, endocrine system, genitourinary system, male and female reproductive systems and treatment approaches for children and the elderly.</p>

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CAM401A Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1	<p>Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy) students commence clinical studies with a common three-subject series of Clinical Studies 1, 2 and 3, in which students observe clinical practice, learn basic counselling, case taking and analysis skills. The Naturopathy specialisation incorporates five subsequent clinical units: Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1, 2 and 3, and Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1 and 2.</p> <p>In Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1, students are required to undertake 50 hours of clinical practicum working in a public student clinic. This is the first subject in which students undertake a practitioner role in the clinic. In this introductory subject, students are paired with another student practitioner and are introduced to the operations of the clinic. Students will begin to manage patients, records and equipment, and undertake basic patient assessment. They will also learn how to dispense prescriptions.</p> <p>In this subject students are required to begin integrating all the theoretical and practical studies undertaken throughout the course. It provides basic clinical skills for students' future clinical practice. For each presenting case, clinical practicum students are required to take a detailed history, conduct relevant assessment, critical analyse data the collected, to compose a Naturopathic understanding, construct therapeutic treatment aims, define mechanisms of action of selected modalities and propose a therapeutic prescription. Students are to act professionally and assure patients safety at all times.</p> <p>Students in clinical practicum 1 are guided through this process with the support and strict supervision of an experienced clinical supervisor. No diagnosis or treatment will be made until the supervisor has determined the appropriateness of diagnosis and treatment proposed.</p> <p>In addition, further integration and research is undertaken through the use of targeted case study, analysis and presentation as assigned by the clinical supervisor.</p>
CAM402A Advanced Herbal Medicine	<p>This subject builds on herbal medicine concepts introduced in Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 1 and 2 (CAM308A & CAM315A). Students continue to learn how to devise Western herbal therapeutic strategies and formulations for health conditions and theoretical cases. Students will explore herbal medicine therapeutic protocols relating to the nervous system, endocrine system, genitourinary system, male and female reproductive systems and treatment approaches for children and the elderly. Tutorials will apply this information to theoretical case studies.</p>

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CAM403A Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 2	<p>Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 2, students are required to undertake 50 hours of clinical practicum providing students with the opportunity to practice, consolidate and extend the fundamental client management and clinical skills acquired in Clinical Practicum 1. In Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 2, students may continue to work in pairs under the close supervision and monitoring of an experienced practitioner.</p> <p>For each presenting case, clinical practicum 2 students are required to take a detailed history, conduct relevant assessment, critical analyse data the collected, to compose a holistic diagnostic understanding, construct therapeutic treatment aims, identify interactions, define mechanisms of action of selected modality specific therapeutics and propose a prescription. Students are expected to act professionally, assure patients safety and demonstrate an awareness of practice limitations at all times. The therapeutic process remains similar to that of clinical practicum 1, however, the expectation of the students capacity for critical case analysis, therapeutic construction and reflective practice is increasing.</p> <p>No diagnosis or treatment will be made until the supervisor has determined the appropriateness of diagnosis and treatment proposed. In addition, further integration and research is undertaken through the use of targeted case study, analysis and presentation subsequent to cases presentation to the clinical supervisor. Students continue to develop their reflective practice keeping logs/journals for each case and clinic session.</p>
CAM404A Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3	<p>In Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3 students continue to practice and consolidate their clinical skills. Up to this subject, students have worked in pairs, however in Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3 they may begin to work independently. They will continue to be closely monitored and supervised by the supervising practitioner.</p> <p>In addition, further integration and research is undertaken through the use of targeted case study, analysis and presentation.</p>
CAM405A Integrative Complementary Medicine 1	<p>Each week students will review the holistic approach to the treatment of specific body systems, and then apply and integrate this knowledge in the analysis of complex clinical cases. In this subject, students will be expected to integrate knowledge from the science subjects including pathology and clinical diagnosis with their therapeutic understanding of naturopathy, nutrition and herbal medicine to provide sound clinical decisions, derive appropriate treatment goals and suggest botanical, nutritional, diet and homoeopathic treatments – student will devise modality specific treatment regimens according to their degree specialisation.</p> <p>Experienced clinicians will facilitate each case discussion, which will draw on contemporary research and clinical practicalities. This problem based learning subject covers the treatment of the nervous system, and endocrine, reproductive, renal and paediatric cases.</p>

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CAM406A Flower Essence Therapy	In this subject students are introduced to Bach and Australian Bush Flower Essences and how to appropriately prescribe these in the context of a naturopathic consultation.
CAM407A Integrative Complementary Medicine 2	<p>Each week students will review the holistic approach to the treatment of specific body systems, and then apply and integrate this knowledge in the analysis of complex clinical cases. In this subject, students will be expected to integrate knowledge from science subjects including pathology and clinical diagnosis with their therapeutic understanding of naturopathy, nutrition and herbal medicine, to provide sound clinical decisions, derive appropriate treatment goals and suggest botanical, nutritional, diet and homoeopathic treatments – student will devise modality specific treatment regimens according to their degree specialisation.</p> <p>Experienced clinicians will facilitate each case discussion, which will draw upon contemporary research and clinical practicalities. This problem based learning subject covers the treatment of cases involving the musculoskeletal, endocrine, reproductive, and renal systems and paediatric and cancer support cases.</p>
CAM408A Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1	<p>Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1 and 2 are the two final clinical units, and build on the foundational clinical skills developed in Clinical Studies 1, 2 and 3, and consolidated into Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1, 2 and 3. In these two final Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum units, students may be expected to work independently, and continue to develop and refine their clinical skills.</p> <p>In Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1, students will begin to work with clients with a range of more complex health needs. Students will be expected to ensure their treatment approaches are informed by contemporary research, and to integrate relevant cultural, religious, gender, linguistic and social aspects of their clients into clinical decision making.</p>

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CAM409A Advanced Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 2	<p>This is the final clinical subject of the Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy) and is the culmination of all of the theoretical and practical studies undertaken to date.</p> <p>This subject will be delivered via participation in a student clinic in which students will be conducting full client consultation, detailed client assessment and treatment. This will all be undertaken under the supervision of experienced clinicians. In the advanced Clinical practicum units, students will be expected to work more independently, and to work with clients with a range of more complex health needs. They will be expected to ensure their treatment approaches are informed by contemporary research.</p> <p>Whilst there will continue to be ongoing feedback and assessment from the supervising practitioner throughout this unit, students will undergo an objective structured clinic examination (OSCE) at the end of the trimester to assess their level of skill in the above mentioned areas. Successful passing of the OSCE is essential to pass this final clinical unit.</p>

Elective Subjects

Students can choose 2 elective subjects to be completed in trimester 11 and 12 in Year 4. Please note these descriptions are subject to change.

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CAM410A Dietary Analysis & Planning	<p>This subject is a core subject for final year students in the Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional Medicine) and an elective for Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy) students. It will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct thorough nutritional assessment and construct therapeutic dietary interventions in clinically specific disease states.</p>
CAM411A Advanced Nutrition Medicine	<p>This final year subject builds on and further integrates the concepts introduced in Nutritional Therapeutics 1 and 2 (CAM306A & CAM312A). Students will continue to learn how to devise comprehensive nutritional therapeutic strategies with an emphasis on complex health conditions.</p>

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CAM412A Critical Literature Review	<p>In this subject students write a literature review on a topic of their choice, which must examine a clinical aspect of their speciality. The emphasis is on presenting and critically evaluating current literature by searching for and appraising the literature, and writing a clear and fully referenced literature review. Students will be expected to present a proposal early in the trimester, and a full literature review by the end of the trimester. There are no formal face to face classes covering content, but a class is offered each week for face to face students to cover the process of writing a literature review, ask questions and receive feedback on their own projects. Additional resource materials are available on the Learning Management System along with an interactive forum for online students.</p>
CAM413A Advanced Iridology	<p>This elective is for those students who wish to further their study in iridology. This subject continues the study of iridology and introduces the student to the identification and interpretation of more complex iris signs including those in relation to the digestive system, the circulatory system, the elimination system and the nervous system. Students examine and interpret the different constitutions as shown in the iris.</p>
CAM414A Homoeopathy Materia Medica and Principles	<p>Students who wish to further their study in homeopathy may take this elective. Further study of the underlying philosophy and principles of homeopathy including the writing of Hahneman and the provings are examined. This subject expands on acute prescribing and introduces deep acting remedies and their use. Case based study of approximately forty remedies is undertaken. Cases are examined in an holistic manner taking into account all facets of the patients presentation. The remedies are examined within the different classifications, minerals, animals and plants, with plants further broken down into plant families. Students further their understanding and skills in repertorisation and posology.</p>
CAM415A Constitutional Homeopathy	<p>This subject introduces and elaborates on the classical and constitutional approach to homeopathic prescribing. The materia medica is further expanded, particularly with regard to deep acting, constitutional remedies, together with expansion of organ and system approaches. Cases are reviewed for each remedy.</p>
CAM416A Psychology	<p>This Psychology elective explores the development of major psychology theories and the field of psychology as it relates to health, health behaviour and behaviour change. This subject looks at relationship between psychological processes and physical manifestations, the patient/ practitioner relationship as it relates to psychological disorders, bio-psychology and current psychology research.</p>
CAM417A Environmental Medicine	<p>Environmental Medicine aims to raise awareness of the effects of environmental factors on human health. This subject looks at basic toxicology, testing methods, detoxification pathways in the body and naturopathic management for environmental illnesses.</p>

Frequently Asked Questions:

Need more information?

Would you like to speak with a Course and Career Advisor about which course is right for you or any other questions you might have?

Would you like to visit our Pyrmont or Brisbane Campus and see our amazing facilities and Wellbeing Clinic?

Would you like to book in for an Open Day or workshop?

Please call our Course and Career Advisors on 1300 017 267 (Sydney) or (07) 3271 1000 (Brisbane).

How to Apply?

Complete an application form on our website ww.acnt.edu.au and submit to us along with any academic transcripts and any additional documentation (eg. Your high school results resume and references if applicable). Once we receive your application our Course and Career Advisors will contact you.

Entrance Requirements

To be eligible for entry into the Bachelor Degree, school leaver's applicants are required to:

- Have successfully completed the HSE or its equivalent and obtain a minimum ATAR of 60 or equivalent

Special Consideration

To be eligible for entry into the Bachelor Degree, applicants are required to:

- Undertake an admission interview to demonstrate life experiences, an interest in, and commitment to complementary medicine; and
- Provide an updated resume or Curriculum Vitae showing related work experiences.

Student Selection

All prospective students will be interviewed prior to admission. Your Course and Careers Advisor will book an interview with you. Completion of a First Aid Certificate, Working with Children Check and a Police Check is required for clinical placement prior to undertaking clinical subjects.

Will ACNT help me find a job once I graduate?

ACNT provides a web-based Job Finder service for students, graduates and employers alike. Updated on a daily basis, you'll find an array of job opportunities listed, both local and international.

The Job Finder is used by prospective employers to specifically target ACNT graduates, many of whom have been employed by industry leaders such as Blackmores, GNC LiveWell, Chiva Som and Steiner Leisure.

What are the Employment Opportunities like?

The rapid growth of the natural medicine industry is largely due to a growing demand from the public, with reportedly more than 50% of Australians using herbal or complementary medicines. One reason for this growth is a strong desire from people to take greater control of their own health and wellbeing. There is a continually growing demand for highly trained practitioners who can work in various settings such as complementary clinics, medical clinics, health retreats, health food stores, research, education and self-employment. Furthermore many students have gone on to set up their own successful clinics, undertaken postgraduate study, worked overseas, published journals and books, and worked voluntarily to give something back to the community. All of our degrees meet industry association requirements in their chosen areas, so students can register to become a member of professional associations.

Is FEE-HELP available?

FEE-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible fee paying students to pay either part or all of their tuition fees. Almost every Australian Citizen is eligible for FEE-HELP, allowing you to study now and pay later, meaning you do not have to pay your fees upfront. Instead, the total cost of your fees can be repaid through the taxation system if your income reaches the threshold. For more information about FEE-HELP visit <http://studyassist.gov.au>.

What kind of support will I receive?

- **Campus Portal:** Course materials, on-line access to resources, events and activities at the campus.
- **Students Services:** First point of contact for academic and administrative enquiries.
- **Counselling:** Free of charge and available for all students facing personal or study issues.
- **Program Managers:** Guidance and academic support, course sequencing, credit exemptions
- **Study Skills:** Support for students new to higher education, covering study basics and academic skills.
- **New Scientist:** Pre-trimester workshop for new students who haven't studied science (biology and chemistry) at year 12, or who want a refresher before they start.

Are the teachers practitioners?

Yes. Many of the country's leading practitioners are on staff at ACNT, all with substantial experience in their respective areas of expertise. We are passionate about what we do, and constantly seek new and innovative ways to teach the theoretical knowledge and clinical skills needed for excellence in complementary medicine.

Can I apply for course credit exemptions?

Yes. Applying for course credit is a collaborative process between you and the college. You can apply for course credit exemptions if you have studied relevant subjects in a previous qualification. Contact the Course and Careers Advisor for an application form and details of how to apply. Certified testamurs, transcripts and subject unit outlines from recognised institutions must be supplied with your application.

What are the enrolment dates for the courses?

Contact the Course and Careers Advisor now for upcoming enrolment dates and check the ACNT website for key dates in the academic calendar.

Does ACNT have Facebook page?

Find us on Facebook to keep up to date with our latest news, information and events –

www.facebook.com/australasiancollegeofnaturaltherapies

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