

Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine)

Course Information

Western Herbal Medicine is the use of medicinal plants for therapeutic purposes. It is the oldest form of medicine and it has been practiced by many cultures for thousands of years. It is a holistic form of medicine which not only treats the symptoms but addresses the underlying causes of the condition. Herbal medicines are prescribed in the form of liquid extracts, infusions, powders, tablets, capsules or external preparations such as lotions, creams and ointments.

This three-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 to identify individual properties of different herbs, how to prepare them and how to prescribe them. A degree in Western Herbal Medicine is ideal for those who want a career incorporating herbal medicine practice as part of a holistic and scientifically based health plan.

Qualification Title	BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (WESTERN HERBAL MEDICINE)		
Study Options – Domestic Australian students	Full-time On-campus or Part-time, Blended Delivery. Sydney or Brisbane	Study options – Overseas students	On Campus Full Time
Start Dates	February, June, September	Course Length	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years
Entry Requirements	Year 12 or equivalent with ATAR 60 Additional course entry requirement <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 Special entry requirements Demonstrated ability to undertake study at this level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work experience, and/or other formal, informal or non-formal study attempted and/or completed For international applicants equivalent IELTS 6.5	Finance Options - Domestic Australian students	VET-FEE HELP

	(Academic) with no skills band less than 5.5.		
Course study requirements	<p>Full Time: 3 years Part Time: 6 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, presentations, 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	084578G

What you will learn:

Biological and social sciences, research and evidenced based practice, western herbal medicine and clinical studies, alongside study in herbal manufacturing, properties of herbs and herbal pharmacology, history and philosophy of herbal medicine.

Students will gain hands on experience at the Wellbeing Clinic under the guidance of experienced practitioners in a clinical setting treating public patients. This prepares graduates to confidently and successfully commence practice in the community.

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 as an online student, 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 answer 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 Pyrmont 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. In the year or more you’ll spend in clinic 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 (Western Herbal Medicine)

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	CAM202A WHM Materia Medica 1
Year 2	Study Period 4	BHS201A General Pathology	BHS202A Biochemistry 2	CAM203A Nutritional Foundations 2	CAM204A WHM Materia Medica 2
	Study Period 5	BHS203A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 1	CAM207A WHM Pharmacology	CAM308A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 1	CAM206A Clinical Studies 1

	Study Period 6	BHS204A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 2	CAM307A Health Assessment & Diagnostic Techniques	CAM315A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 2	CAM305A Clinical Studies 2
Year 3	Study Period 7	BHS301A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 3	CAM402A Advanced Herbal Medicine	BHS401A Professional Practice	CAM311A Clinical Studies 3
	Study Period 8	CAM405A Integrative Complementary Medicine 1	BHS302A Drug & Integrated Pharmacology	CAM309A WHM Clinical Practicum 1	CAM310A WHM Clinical Practicum 2
	Study Period 9	CAM407A Integrative Complementary Medicine 2	CAM316A WHM Clinical Practicum 3	CAM317A Advanced WHM Clinical Practicum 1	CAM318A Advanced WHM 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 per subject enrolled in.

BHS101A Anatomy & Physiology 1

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.

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.

BHS102A Bioscience

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.

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.

BHS103A Counselling & Communication Skills

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.

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.

BHS104A Anatomy & Physiology 2

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.

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.

BHS105A Biochemistry 1

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.

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. In the Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy and Nutritional Medicine), this is also built upon in Nutritional Biochemistry (CAM205A).

BHS106A Anatomy & Physiology 3

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.

BHS107A Research & Evidence-Based Practice

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.

BHS201A General Pathology

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.

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.

BHS202A Biochemistry 2

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).

BHS203A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 1

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.

BHS204A Pathophysiology & Clinical Diagnosis 2

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 Nutrition, 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.

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.

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.

CAM206A Clinical Studies 1

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.

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. 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.

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.

CAM305A Clinical Studies 2

This is the second of three Clinical Studies subjects common to Bachelor of Health Science (majoring in Naturopathy, Western Herbal Medicine and Nutritional Medicine).

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.

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.

CAM307A Health Assessment & Diagnostic Techniques

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.

CAM308A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 1

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.

CAM309A WHM Clinical Practicum 1

Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine) 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 Western Herbal Medicine specialisation incorporates five subsequent clinical units: WHM Clinical Practicum 1, 2 and 3, and Advanced WHM Clinical Practicum 1 and 2.

In WHM 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.

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, critically analyse data 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.

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.

In addition, further integration and research is undertaken through the use of targeted case study, analysis and presentation as assigned by the clinical supervisor.

CAM310A WHM Clinical Practicum 2

Western Herbal Medicine 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 WHM Clinical Practicum 2, students may continue to work in pairs under the close supervision and monitoring of an experienced practitioner.

For each presenting case, WHM 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 herbal medicine and propose a therapeutic 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.

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.

CAM311A Clinical Studies 3

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.

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.

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.

CAM315A Herbal Medicine Therapeutics 2

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.

CAM316A WHM Clinical Practicum 3

In WHM Clinical Practicum 3 students continue to practice and consolidate their clinical skills. Up to this subject, students have worked in pairs, however in Clinical Practicum 3 they may begin to work independently. They will continue to be closely monitored and supervised by the supervising practitioner.

In addition, further integration and research is undertaken through the use of targeted case study, analysis and presentation.

CAM317A Advanced WHM Clinical Practicum 1

Advanced WHM 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 WHM Clinical Practicum 1, 2 and 3. In these two final Advanced WHM Clinical Practicum units, students may be expected to work more independently, and continue to develop and refine their clinical skills.

In Advanced WHM Clinical Practicum 1, they will begin 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, and to integrate relevant cultural, religious, gender, linguistic and social aspects of their clients into clinical decision making.

CAM318A Advanced WHM Clinical Practicum 2

This is the final clinical subject of the Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine) and is the culmination of all of the theoretical and practical studies undertaken to date.

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.

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.

CAM402A Advanced Herbal Medicine

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.

CAM405A Integrative Complementary Medicine 1

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.

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.

CAM407A Integrative Complementary Medicine 2

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.

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.

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 Pymont 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. 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.

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