Imagine becoming a Western Herbalist in just 2 years
HLT60112 Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine

This nationally recognised course has been designed to give students the required knowledge and skills to practise as herbalists. Australian students are eligible to apply for Austudy/Abstudy assistance.

During this course students will learn the history and philosophy of herbal medicine, plant identification, nomenclature, pharmacognosy and pharmacology of herbs, materia medica, formulations, dosage, therapeutic applications and the actions of herbs on the various systems of the body.

In addition to herbal medicine, biomedical sciences, basic counselling, communication, occupational health and safety, practice management, professional practice and development in relation to the practice of herbal medicine will also be covered.

A large selection of short courses are offered and highly recommended to complement this course and to enhance the knowledge of other available natural therapy modalities.

Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine holders are eligible to apply for membership with professional organisations that represent western herbal medicine practitioners.

Industry associations may require additional information for eligibility of membership.

Graduates can choose to enrol and gain credits towards a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Complementary Medicine offered through Charles Sturt University.

Course Objectives

- Gain knowledge, skills and competency to qualify as a herbal medicine practitioner.
- Use herbal medicine to prevent and manage diseases and to improve the quality of health.
- Study and to specialise in herbal treatments.
- Instil an awareness of the professional aspects and the responsibility of a health care practitioner.
- Provide an opportunity for an alternative path to further university studies.
- Provide opportunities for self-improvement and personal development.
- An ability to live your passion.

Course Structure

The Advance Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine course is designed for completion within two years with full-time study. Part-time study may take up to four years (Domestic students only). It is a requirement to complete a minimum of 300 hours of supervised clinical training. Clinical sessions are conducted and supervised by qualified practitioners at the student clinic on campus. Other designated clinical schools, across Australia may be accessed by domestic students only upon approval.

Subjects delivered by AIHM are mapped against nationally recognised units of competency from the Health Training Package and students may be required to complete more than one AIHM subject to gain a complete unit of competency. Most of the competencies are assessed in the workplace/clinic.

Why You Should Study Western Herbal Medicine at AIHM

- Our facilities are located in a natural, serene bushland environment close to Perth CBD.
- Qualify in two years (fast-tracked) with a nationally recognised, industry acknowledged qualification.
- VET FEE HELP approved courses (only for eligible domestic students) so that you don't have to pay your tuition until you start earning.
- Competitive fee structure.
- You get to see real clients in our clinic as part of your training.
- Innovative and new learning methods adopted like many medical schools.
- Unlimited access to recorded lectures in many units.
- Full time, part time and weekend study options. (Part time and weekend options are only available for domestic students)
- Austudy/Abstudy assistance (Only for domestic students)
- Highly qualified and experienced lecturers.
- Free ‘Wi-Fi’ on campus.
- Live online real time classes. (for domestic students only)
- Longest established natural therapies college in WA.
- All the support you need until you get it right!

It is our passion to help you realise your dream.
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AIHM ELECTIVES

For the successful completion of this course it is required that you complete a minimum of two electives from the following:

1. Environmental and Nutritional Toxicology
2. Mind Body Medicine
3. Biochemistry of Nutrition
4. Homoeopathy
5. Flower Essences
6. Kinesiology
7. Reflexology
8. Aromatherapy
9. Meditation
10. Yoga
11. Energy Healing & Tai Chi
12. Ayurvedic principles
13. Intuition in Healing
14. Nutritional Recipes
15. Ayurvedic Nutrition
16. Ayurvedic Tactile Therapy Part A
17. Ayurvedic Tactile Therapy Part B
18. Principles of Acupressure
19. Bowen Techniques
20. Vedic Astrology

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Receive credit points for Charles Sturt University units towards BHSc. (Complementary Medicine)

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Post Graduate Studies MSc, PhD

Western Herbal Medicine Practitioner/ Herbalist/ Botanical Medicine Practitioner/ Phytotherapist/ Herbal Medicine Practitioner
AIDN 114 Senior First Aid
This unit provides a training program to achieve the standard required for the nationally recognised HLTA311A Apply First Aid Certificate. Areas covered include cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, management of an unconscious casualty, internal and external bleeding, fractures, bandaging, burns, poisons, bites, stings, eye and ear injuries.

BHSN 106 Communication Skills
This unit is an introduction to understanding human behaviour and the relationship between basic behavioural influences and ill health, both physiologically and psychologically. Nature, nurture and need factor influences are studied through a combination of theory and practical applications. Basic counselling knowledge and skills required for a therapist will also be covered.

BHSN 206 Communication Skills
This unit takes the fundamentals of human behaviour discussed in unit BHSN106 and upgrades students’ knowledge and application skills to the next level by adding lateral thinking skills, non-verbal and verbal communication techniques, dealing with difficult behaviours, counselling skills and situational analysis procedures. As in unit BHSN106, this unit is taught experientially with each lecture being a combination of theory and application exercises.

BION 101A Introduction to Biomedical Sciences Part A
This is a core unit for all courses offered. It includes a broad overview of the anatomy and physiology of the skin and musculoskeletal systems. Foundations of pathological principles will be discussed. Cellular and tissue structure and function will be also discussed in detail. Microorganisms and their importance in disease processes will be elaborated. Basic chemistry, structure and function of macromolecules will also be discussed. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answer questions and assignments related to the various concepts covered in this unit.

BION 101B Introduction to Biomedical Sciences Part B
BION101A is a prerequisite for this unit. It includes a broad overview of the anatomy and physiology of the remaining body systems not covered in BION101A. Foundations of pharmacological principles, function of enzymes, metabolism and the importance of vitamins and antioxidants will be covered. In addition, an introduction to basic research methodology will be provided. Physical examination techniques will also be covered. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answer questions and assignments related to the various concepts covered in this unit, plus a comprehensive assessment of the content covered in BION101A and BION101B will be conducted.

BION 201 Biomedical Sciences
BION101A and BION101B are prerequisites for this core unit. Students will learn about the anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology and pharmacology related to the integumentary, skeletal and muscular systems. In addition, research methodology, patient history taking, physical examinations and differential diagnosis relevant to these systems will be covered. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answers, assignments and six (6) case studies for this unit.

BION 301 Biomedical Sciences
BION101A and BION101B are prerequisites for this core unit. Students will learn about the anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology and pharmacology related to the cardiovascular and digestive systems. In addition, patient history taking, physical examination and differential diagnosis relevant to these systems will be covered. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answers, assignments and six (6) case studies for this unit.
BION 401 Biomedical Sciences  
BION101A and BION101B are prerequisites for this core unit. Students will learn about the anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology and pharmacology related to the reproductive and endocrine systems. In addition, patient history taking, physical examinations and differential diagnosis relevant to these systems will be covered. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answers, assignments and six (6) case studies for this unit.

BION 501 Biomedical Sciences  
BION101A and BION101B are prerequisites for this core unit. Students will learn about the anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology and pharmacology related to the respiratory, immune and lymphatic systems. In addition, patient history taking, physical examinations and differential diagnosis relevant to these systems will be covered. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answers, assignments and six (6) case studies for this unit.

BION 601 Biomedical Sciences  
BION101A and BION101B are prerequisites for this core unit. Students will learn about the anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology and pharmacology related to the urinary and nervous systems. In addition, patient history taking, physical examinations and differential diagnosis relevant to these systems will be covered. Students are expected to complete multiple-choice questions, short answers, assignments and six (6) case studies for this unit.

BION 701 Biomedical Sciences  
BION101A, BION101B and BION601 are prerequisites for this unit. Students will learn pathology, pharmacology, microbiology and differential diagnosis relevant to the nervous system. In addition, students will explore the mind/body connection, and environmental toxins and their impact on our health. Impact of trauma (penetrating, blunt), common environmental emergencies, overdose, poisoning and surgical insult will also be discussed. Students are expected to complete six (6) case studies and two assignments on the environmental toxins and the mind/body connection.

CLIN 129 Clinical Procedures  
This unit covers clinical policies and procedures, instrument handling, results, consultation protocol, and workplace health and safety issues. Infection control procedures are also covered.

CLINWHM 229, 329, 429, 529, 629 729 Western Herbal Medicine Clinic  
CLIN 129 is a prerequisite for all clinic units. Training at our on-site student clinic dealing with members of the public, case studies and clinical applications. An outline for each unit can be found in the clinic log-book. Skill assessment of most of the units will occur in the clinic.

HERN 119 Introduction to Herbal Medicine  
This unit provides participants with an introduction to western herbal medicine. The history and philosophy of herbal medicine from various traditions is covered with relevance to how that has influenced modern herbal practices today. Botany, plant identification, taxonomy and nomenclature, learning how to communicate knowledge of herbal medicine principles and practice, an introduction to dispensing medicine, methods of application and also legal issues pertaining to Australian herbalists are also covered.

HERN 219 Herbal Medicine  
HERN 119 is a prerequisite for this unit. This unit is designed to provide the participant with knowledge of the pharmacological and phytochemical basis of medicinal plants. Specific herbs in terms of their chemical constituents, actions, interactions, indications and contra-indications will be covered in-depth. Application of this knowledge is essential for the treatment planning process for common conditions that present within the musculoskeletal system and integumentary system. Formulation of herbal preparations and management of integumentary and musculoskeletal disorders will also be discussed.

HERN 319 Herbal Medicine  
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HERN 419 Herbal Medicine Therapeutics
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HERN 519 Herbal Medicine Therapeutics
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HERN 619 Herbal Medicine Manufacturing
This unit covers techniques involved in the manufacture of herbal medicines including a wide range of preparations such as tinctures, teas, decoctions, creams, ointments and capsules. In addition, students will also learn the process of growing, harvesting and drying of herbs. How the various forms of preparing and administering herbs effects pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of the medicine will be explored.

HLTHER 608C Provide Specialised Western Herbal Medicine Treatment
This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide specialised western herbal medicine to care for less common conditions/diseases in accordance with the age, gender and mental health needs of the client. This unit requires high-level knowledge of herbal medicine and a wide range of health conditions.

MANN 120 Business Management and Ethics
This unit is designed to develop the knowledge of the Act of Parliament and Regulations in relation to the practice of natural medicine, professional indemnity and liability insurance, accounting and taxation requirements, advertising and promotions, business planning, and other issues related to the establishment of your own practice. Students will be required to complete their own business plan by the completion of this unit.

NATN 107 Foundation of Nutrition
This unit covers basic concepts of nutrition and its role in maintaining health. Major areas covered include carbohydrates, lipids, protein, energy metabolism, vitamins, minerals and their influence on health and diseases. Concepts of nutritional biochemistry will also be discussed.

NATN 207 Naturopathic Nutrition
NATN107 is the prerequisite for this unit. This unit will explore the foundational principles of naturopathic nutrition, nutritional management of allergies and intolerances, phytonutrients, zoo-nutrients, antioxidants, “smart “ nutrients, nutritional influences on inflammation, nutritional influences on methylation, heavy metal toxicity, pesticides and other environmental food contaminants and organic and genetically modified food. In addition, food labeling and advertising, convenience and take-away foods, caffeine and water will be discussed. Nutritional intervention in relation to the disorders of the integumentary and musculoskeletal systems will also be discussed in detail.

NATN 307 Naturopathic Nutrition
NATN107 is the prerequisite for this unit. This unit will explore the diverse diets from the foundations established by those that form part of cultural and religious influences in the community and numerous contemporary diets. In addition, interactions of food, nutrients and drugs, naturopathic concept of body pH and its effect on health, food combinations, super foods, cleansing, healing crisis, food as medicine and germ theory will also be covered. Nutritional intervention for the disorders of cardiovascular and digestive systems will be discussed in detail.

NATN 407 Naturopathic Nutrition
NATN107 is the prerequisite for this unit. This unit will explore specific nutritional needs, which include pregnancy and lactation, postnatal, childhood and adolescence, sports, geriatrics, palliative care and cancer management. In addition, nutritional intervention for the disorders of all the body systems that are not covered in NATN207 and NATN307 will also be discussed.
NUTN 307 Nutritional Recipes
This unit covers the principles of nutrition and the culinary arts with menus and food technologies in the prevention and management of various disorders. This unit will discuss various cultivation methods and the impact of these methods on the nutrients availability in the plants. Various cooking methods and nutritional recipes for various health issues will also be discussed.

NUTN 507 Mineral Therapy
This unit covers various minerals and their use in the prevention and management of various pathological conditions. The lectures and presentations are based on Celloids®. Combinations of various minerals will also be discussed. Students are exposed to identifying various symptoms and signs based on mineral deficiencies.

PHIN 102 History and Philosophy of Natural Therapies
This unit introduces the philosophies of healing and their relevance to clinical practice. In addition, the latest theories and direction in science and the interactions between the two paradigms will be studied. Students will explore and apply the fundamentals of natural therapies during the course study of this unit.

PRDN 101 Professional Development
This unit will cover issues like personality development, learning styles, enhancement of performance at the workplace, goal setting, agency guidelines in relation to professional development, and working effectively with co-workers. It will also highlight the importance of professional associations and building professional networks to stay current on trends and developments in the industry.

RESN 120 Project Literature Review
This unit will provide students with the skills and techniques to review current literature and critically analyse data presented in peer-reviewed journals relevant to their field of expertise.

TO APPLY OR FOR MORE DETAILS

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