

HEALTH SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF NATUROPATHIC & HERBAL MEDICINE



Level 7, 360 Credits

Full time for 3 years

Part time within 7 consecutive years
(NB: Part-time not always offered)

Commences February



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What is Naturopathy?

Naturopathy is a reputable and integrated approach to health and wellbeing, with a focus on natural therapies to manage patient care. At the heart of naturopathic practice is recognition of the whole person, a philosophy aimed to empower clients to make new, health-related, life choices leading to better health and wellbeing.

This degree will cover a wide range of natural therapies, including Clinical Nutrition, Herbal Medicine, Bach flowers and Hydrotherapy. The qualification is reinforced by skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and clinical judgement, aimed to prepare students for work as a naturopath. Students are trained to complete the most effective and up-to-date health assessments to support patient care, in preparation for clinical practice. Theoretical and practical course work is provided to support students manage their own naturopathic clinic. In the 3rd Year of the program, students complete a full-year of guided clinical practice, under the supervision of experts in Clinical Naturopathy and Herbal Medicine.

Accreditation

Graduates can apply for registration with the Natural Health Council (NZ). Practitioners can become members of NZ Association of Medical Herbalists, Naturopaths of New Zealand, the New Zealand Society of Naturopaths and the Australian Natural Therapists Association, and NZAMH (New Zealand Association of Medical Herbalists).

Why Register with an Association?

By becoming a member of a professional association, graduates are supported in continuing their professional education, advocacy for their profession, and accountability for maintaining best practice in treating patients.



Career opportunities

What can I do with this Degree?

A Degree in Naturopathy and Herbal Medicine can be used for the following:

CLINICAL

- Practice in a private or integrated health practice

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Sales or marketing
- Advisor in company or organisations
- Pharmacy or health store consultant

ACADEMIC

- Teaching at varying levels
- With additional training - social work or nursing

ENTREPRENEURIAL

- Product development
- Health retreats
- Associate with athletes and sporting organisations

Student Success

An education from Wellpark College is extremely thorough, challenging, exhilarating, and fulfilling. Wellpark cares about each one of their students and they provide a strong foundation of science, research and traditional naturopathic knowledge that is complemented by all the courses that are set up in each year. Nothing compares to the feeling of seeing clients in your clinical year and witnessing their changes that you have played a part in facilitating. It is truly a humbling profession and Wellpark prepared me so well for life in naturopathic practice.

- Chelsea Evans : Private Practitioner

Entry Criteria

How do I get in?

To be accepted on to the Wellpark College Bachelor of Naturopathy Programme, you must meet the following entry criteria.

- Be 18 years of age prior to commencing your programme.
- Have no communicable diseases, physical or psychological impairments which may adversely affect your ability to undertake a programme of study or work with people in a clinical setting.
- Ability to communicate competently in English. Students where English is a secondary language will be required to provide IELTS certification for language proficiency. Contact the international enrolment advisor for more information please email events@wellpark.co.nz
- Provide a short cover letter stating reasons for wanting to study in the programme and work in the profession.
- Complete an interview with the programme leader and gain approval.

Candidates will be studying at tertiary level and need to be able to plan academic studies, study independently, structure ideas, complete assessment work on time and have good verbal and written communication skills. We recommend no more than 10 hours of outside work per week to enable students to meet their course requirements. We believe having a strong support structure at home will be key to students success.

Study Mode

This programme is delivered in a blended approach:

- Live Classroom off campus or traditional on campus experience
- Practice based immersion weeks throughout the year (required)
- Increased accessibility for students located outside of the local vicinity
- A variety of support structures: Tutors' attention to individual needs, regular tutorials and academic clinics, online resources, faculty & IT support.

Admission and Selection

Students must have passed NCEA Level 2 or the equivalent level, with a pass in biology and chemistry. NB: For those successful candidates who have not met these requirements, alternative pathways will be offered to allow them to reach the level required.

Applicants under 20 years of age (minimum entry age 18 years) must meet the academic requirements please visit our website for more specific information.

Mature Entry

Following a successful interview process, applicants 20 years of age and over will be admitted to the programme but will be required to undertake extra study during the first year (or study prior to enrolment) if further preparation is required prior to commencing subjects in health sciences. Candidates should consider that they will be studying at tertiary level and need to be able to plan academic studies, study independently, structure ideas, complete assessment work on time and have good verbal and written communication skills. All students must have a current first aid certificate before commencing the clinical component of the programme.

English language requirements

Please refer to the international students page of our website or contact the international enrolment advisor at events@wellpark.co.nz



Programme Details

Full Time Programme

Naturopathy Degree		
	Study Period	Approx Hrs Per Annum (including class time and self directed study)
Bachelor in Naturopathy (Year 1)	3 Years	1200
Bachelor in Naturopathy (Year 2)		1200
Bachelor in Naturopathy (Year 3)		1200

Full-time fees apply to students enrolled in a full-time Degree.

Full-time students must be enrolled to a minimum of 0.8 EFTS. Domestic fees apply to New Zealand Citizens, New Zealand Permanent Residents and Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents, living in New Zealand. All other students are considered international.

Part-Time Programme

Part-time fees apply to students enrolled in a qualification totalling less than 0.8 EFTS.

Please ask our Enrolment Advisor (enrolmentadvisor@wellpark.co.nz) for further details regarding fees for individual courses.



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