

Australian Traditional-Medicine Society



**ATMS RECOGNISED PROVIDER
OF NATURAL MEDICINE
EDUCATION OR TRAINING
APPLICATION FORM**

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Welcome

About the Australian Traditional-Medicine Society Ltd.

The Australian Traditional-Medicine Society (ATMS) is Australia's largest national professional association of natural medicine practitioners. We are a multi-disciplinary association representing over 9,000 members throughout Australia.

ATMS was founded in 1984 and is an incorporated not-for-profit company with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ABN 46 002 844 233). ATMS represents the practitioners of the natural medicine profession on numerous government and industry committees.

ATMS is governed by a Board of Directors. The functions of ATMS are carried out by the Directors and CEO, assisted by fulltime and part-time staff.

The Mission of ATMS is to promote, represent and support professional practitioners of natural medicine occupations who are encouraged to pursue the highest ideals of professionalism in their natural medicine practice and education.

ATMS currently accredits the following modalities:

- Aromatherapy
- Ayurveda
- Bowen Therapy
- Chinese Massage
- Counselling
- Homoeopathy
- Hypnotherapy
- Kinesiology
- Myotherapy
- Naturopathy
- Nutrition
- Reflexology
- Remedial Massage
- Shiatsu
- Thai Massage
- Western Herbal Medicine

ATMS currently accredits the following nationally registered modalities:

- Acupuncture
- Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Chiropractic
- Osteopathy

ATMS recognises numerous educational institutions nation-wide that deliver one or more courses in our accredited modalities.

ATMS Recognised Education Provider and Course Recognition Process

In order to become an ATMS Recognised Education Provider of Natural Medicine Education or Training, herein referred to as an ATMS Recognised Education Provider, the educational institution must also be granted ATMS course recognition in one or more of the modalities that are approved by ATMS. An educational institution cannot become an ATMS Recognised Education Provider without having a course approved, just as an educational institution cannot have a course approved without also being approved as an ATMS Recognised Education Provider. ATMS Recognised Education Provider and course approval will be for a period of five (5) years, effective from the date declared on the application form below, when a renewal application will then be required.

Current courses recognised by the Australian Traditional-Medicine Society that do not need assessment against ATMS Education Standards.

- AHPRA registration
- Higher education qualification (Required to have supervised clinical practice.)
- HLT – Health Training Package
- CHC - Community Services
- ASQA approved course
- 22316VIC Advanced Diploma of Myotherapy

Current courses recognised by the Australian Traditional-Medicine Society that may need assessment against ATMS Education Standards

- Nationally recognised VET course
- ATMS approved independent providers course/s.
- New Zealand – equivalent NZQF courses (may need assessment against the ATMS Education Standards)

SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICE STANDARDS

What is Supervised Clinical Practice?

Supervised clinical practice refers to a situation where a student consults with clients, performs an appropriate health assessment, prepares and provides treatment/management plans in a clinic open to members of the public, while under the supervision or direction of a qualified clinician, trainer, or practitioner employed or contracted by the educational institution.

Supervised clinical practice must be undertaken in the presence of a lecturer, trainer, or qualified supervisor, who must be physically present, and directly supervising at least part of each student consultation. Selection of a suitable clinical practice supervisor is to be determined by the teaching institution.*

*It is of note that the above does not specifically apply to Hypnotherapy or other courses that do not need to meet the ATMS Education Standards. For providers of Hypnotherapy and courses that do need to meet the ATMS Education Standards, please refer to the relevant Education Standard for any supervised clinical practice requirements.

For courses where the ATMS Education Standards are applicable:-

Please see relevant education standards for Naturopathy, Nutrition, Herbal Medicine, and Homeopathy for Supervised Clinical Training online requirements.

Supervisor:Student Ratio

- The supervisor:student ratio must not exceed 1:8.

Supervisor Qualifications

- Relevant recognised natural medicine qualification equal to, or higher than the training program the student is enrolled in.
- A minimum of 3 years full time equivalent (FTE) clinical practice in the discipline the student is enrolled in.
- Current membership of a recognised professional association relevant to natural medicine.
- Required teaching qualification for VET sector courses is a current Cert IV TAE40116, or equivalent. Where this is not achieved, the training institution is to ensure that an assessor who holds a current Cert IV TAE40116, or equivalent undertakes the final clinical assessment of the student.

Requirements of Educational Institutions

- Educational institutions are responsible for fully informing students and supervisors of their rights and responsibilities in relation to supervised clinical practice. They are responsible for the induction and training of all supervisors, including situations when supervision is outsourced to practitioners in private clinical practices, and for providing feedback to supervisors. Students must be fully informed of all the requirements for clinical practice, including insurance cover and costs (determined by the teaching institution).

Health fund rebates do not apply for treatment provided by students in supervised clinical practice.

ATMS Recognised Education Provider Application Form

INSTITUTION NAME: _____

NAME OF PRINCIPAL (or equivalent – include title): _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

Main Campus Address: _____

All Other Campus Addresses:

List of courses to be approved with ATMS:

Please provide a copy of your Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Registration certificate, or the Higher Education Accreditation certificate. For New Zealand education providers please provide NZQA equivalent.

Also please note:

Registration/Accreditation number: _____

Registration/Accreditation expiry date: _____

If needed, we may also request that you provide the following (however, they can be included with this application):

- a) A brief history of the educational institution
- b) The institution’s Code of Practice
- c) The Prospectus and advertising material

Declaration

I declare that I am authorised to complete this form on behalf of the Institution named on this application form, and that all the information provided is true, accurate and complete. I understand that the acceptance of this form by ATMS does not imply in any way that the educational institution will be recognised, or will continue to be recognised by ATMS. I further understand that ATMS may make additional inquiries, including an onsite visit and inspection of the Institution. ATMS will provide reasonable prior notice of any such visit/inspection. I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that ATMS will be advised as soon as practicably possible of any changes to the details provided on this form. I accept that any recognition granted is at all times at the sole discretion of ATMS, and may be withdrawn or varied at any time.

Signature

Date

Name of person whose signature appears above: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Form Return

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please return this form, and all the required supporting documentation to:

Stephanie Mortimer
Relationships and Events Coordinator
stephanie.mortimer@atms.com.au

Or to:

ATMS Recognised Education Provider and Course Approval
PO Box 1027
Meadowbank NSW 2114

Enquiries about the progress of an ATMS Recognised Provider and ATMS Course Accreditation Application should be made to the ATMS Office on 1800 456 855, or by email at info@atms.com.au

