

Nutrition

ATMS Recognised Education Providers & Approved Courses

* Minimum 200 hours supervised clinical practicum

Current ATMS approved nutrition courses:

Endeavour College Of Natural Health

- Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Nutrition)
- Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nutrition

Nature Care College

- Advanced Practitioner of Clinical Nutrition

Switch on Health

- Advanced Practitioner of Clinical Nutrition

Torrens University Australia

- Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Nutrition)

For qualifications older than 5 years, additional evidence is required for membership assessment:

- Direct transfer from another association, with no gap in membership or
- Evidence of 20 CPE points or
- Evidence of working in the industry related to your qualification/modality

Overseas qualifications:

- VETASSESS is required for overseas qualifications
- If no VETASSESS can be determined, an Australian equivalent qualification is required

Education providers looking to become a Recognised Education Provider and have their Nutrition course/s approved by ATMS please email education@atms.com.au to apply.



ARHG:

Nutrition Education Criteria

New members (those who have never been registered with an Association) must hold a Bachelor level qualification for Nutrition.

Members of accredited Associations who completed their study:

- on or after 1 January 2019 must have at least a Bachelor level degree from an Australian higher education provider, with at least 200 hours of supervised clinical practice included in this program before graduation.
- prior to 1 January 2019 must have at least an Advanced Diploma of Clinical Nutrition (HLT61012, HLT61007) from a Registered Training Organisation, or a Bachelor level degree from an Australian higher education provider, with at least 200 hours of supervised clinical practice included in this program before graduation.

Grandfathering eligibility for provider recognition

Providers who completed their study prior to the implementation of Registered Training Organisations (March 2002) may be eligible for provider recognition under a ‘grandfathering’ clause if they can demonstrate that:

- i. they received (or upgraded) their qualification in Australia
- ii. they have been in practice since graduating (with the exception of maternity/paternity for a period of no more than 12 months at a time)
- iii. they have undertaken continuing professional education, as per the membership requirements of their Association (including during leave of absence), and
- iv. they have held continuous Association membership since graduating.

Providers who hold pre-RTO qualifications must prove continuous membership with an Association for an ARHG accredited therapy (i.e. the provider is able to demonstrate compliance with ARHG’s requirements of up-to date CPE, First Aid and Insurance). If the provider does not meet this requirement, they must upgrade their qualification in order to be recognised for an ARHG-recognised therapy.

Required modes of course delivery

Supervised clinical practice

The full 300 hours of supervised clinical practicum must be delivered face-to-face, on campus. Within the 300 hours, at least two thirds of consultations must occur in the traditional manner (i.e. student, supervisor and client physically present on campus).

The remaining consultations can involve digital health methodologies, delivered through secure live virtual, consultation technologies (e.g. video call), provided that:

- these hours involve real-time, synchronous patient consultations (i.e., telehealth) supervision and assessment mechanisms meet the same face-to-face supervisory standards as traditional clinical practicum (i.e. student and supervisor on campus, only the client is remote)



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- the education provider can demonstrate how telehealth competencies are specifically taught and assessed.

Remaining course subjects

Not including supervised clinical practice, at least 50% of the remaining course subjects must be delivered face-to-face.

Of the 50% to be delivered face-to-face, at least half of those subjects must include on campus delivery (i.e. physically, face to face on campus), and this must include pre-clinic skills training, including:

- practical components of course health science subjects, including components which require skill-based knowledge, e.g. surface anatomy and palpation.
- practical components of course modality specific subjects, including components which require skills-based knowledge, e.g. case taking and clinical examination, assessment of conditions, treatment plans, preparation and dispensing of nutritional remedies, ingestive therapeutics and other associated therapeutics and techniques.

The remainder of the 50% to be delivered face-to-face can be delivered online via webinars, breakout rooms, one-on-one online meetings with lecturers etc. These course hours must not be prerecorded and must occur in real time.

All practical examinations, tests and assessments of practical competency are to be undertaken on campus by the educational provider's qualified and trained staff. Marking of student tests and assessment of student's competency offshore is not acceptable.

For:

- **VET sector programs of study** (e.g. Diploma and Advanced Diploma), no student clinical practicum hours and student clinical training may be outsourced to private clinics, and must be conducted at the educational provider's on-campus clinic facilities. All student clinical practicum hours and training must be supervised by experienced qualified staff, who have attained as a minimum, a qualification at the same level they are teaching in the same modality/discipline as the students are studying. The staff members of the educational provider who are supervising the students' clinical training must also hold a current Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40110).
- **other higher education programs of study** (e.g. Bachelor Degree), no student clinical practicum hours and student clinical training may be outsourced to private clinics, and must be conducted at the educational provider's on-campus clinic facilities. All student clinical practicum hours and training must be supervised by experienced qualified staff who have attained a degree in the same modality/discipline as the students are studying, plus a master's degree in a related field. The staff members of the educational provider who are teaching in the undergraduate program and supervising the students' clinical training must also hold a current postgraduate qualification in a related field.



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Medibank:

- Completed, as a minimum, a three year full time or equivalent (approx. 2000 hours) Bachelor degree course
- Any educational qualifications will not be recognised if they were attained by completing:
 - o A correspondence or online only course, and/ or
 - o Clinical training that is not under supervision

- At least 200 hours of practical, clinical training must be conducted on campus and supervised by a trainer who has obtained a qualification at the same level and/ or higher as the modality being studied

- Face to face, on campus learning (inclusive of clinical skills) must take place for a minimum of 25% of subjects within course
 - o This is required to include foundational pre-clinical skills training which should encompass:
 - Hands-on elements of core health science units - particularly those requiring applied or technical proficiency (for example, surface anatomy identification and palpation skills);
 - And, practical elements involving professional or procedural competence (for example, client case history and clinical assessment, evaluation of presenting conditions, formulation of treatment strategies, and the preparation or dispensing of ingestive therapeutics, as well as any related treatment techniques).
- Possession of current Professional Indemnity Insurance of \$2 000 000 minimum, per claim and a \$10,000,000 per claim Public Liability Insurance cover. The professional indemnity insurance policy must cover each practice and each modality.
- Providers must demonstrate completion of a minimum of 20 hours per year of Continuing Professional Development and CPD must be relevant to practice modality.



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Courses accepted by Medibank:	Education provider
Qualification - Current degree programs	
Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Nutrition)	Torrens University
Master of Human Nutrition 1	Deakin University
Historical degree programs	
Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional Medicine)	Paramount College of Natural Medicine
Bachelor of Science (Nutritional Therapy)	Victoria University
Bachelor of Nutritional Medicine	Torrens University and its former colleges (ACNT and SSNT)
Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional Medicine)	Torrens University and its former colleges (ACNT and SSNT)
Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional Medicine)	Endeavour College of Natural Health
Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional & Dietetic Medicine) 2	Endeavour College of Natural Health
Articulated Bachelor of Complementary Medicine with Advanced Diploma or Diploma Nutritional Medicine	University of New England or Charles Sturt University or Southern Cross University

1. Only when combined with an Advanced Diploma of Nutritional Medicine (completed prior to 1 January 2019).
2. Students graduating from this program post 2020 must be able to provide evidence of having met the minimum 25 percent on-campus theory requirement.

