

**Western Herbal Medicine
ATMS Recognised Education Providers & Approved Courses**

* Minimum 400 hours supervised clinical practicum

Current ATMS approved Western Herbal Medicine courses:

Nature Care College

- Advanced Practitioner of Clinical Western Herbal

Switch on Health

- Advanced Practitioner of Clinical Western Herbal

Torrens University Australia

- Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine)

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 Western Herbal Medicine course/s approved by ATMS please email education@atms.com.au to apply.



ARHG:

Western Herbal Medicine Education Criteria

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

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 400 hours of supervised clinical practice included in this program before graduation.
- prior to 1 January 2019 must have at least an Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine (HLT60102, HLT60107, HLT60112) 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.

Medibank:

- Completed, at minimum, a three year full time or equivalent 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 400 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 as the modality being studied
- Face to face, on campus learning (inclusive of clinical skills) must take place for a minimum of 20% 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).



WESTERN HERBAL MEDICINE - HEALTH FUND REQUIREMENTS

- Possession of current Professional Indemnity Insurance of \$2 million minimum, per claim plus minimum \$10 million public liability. 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.

CBHS:

- Must hold and maintain membership with a CBHS recognised association
- **Minimum qualification required:**
 - Current (qualified since 01/01/2019) – Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine) CRICOS 099641D
 - Previous (qualified & registered prior to 31/12/2018) – HLT60112/HLT60107/ HLT60102 Advanced Diploma or Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine
- Current First Aid HLTAID011 + CPR HLTAID009 certificate (CPR refreshed annually)
- \$2 million Professional indemnity insurance cover
- \$2 million Public Liability cover
- Minimum 20 hours/points of Continued Professional Development (CPD) annually
- Must meet and continue to meet CBHS's provider requirements, as set out in the CBHS Recognised Provider Terms and Conditions

