

SUBJECT OUTLINE



Subject Name:

Comparative Materia Medica

Subject Code:

HOMM122

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Award/s:	Total course credit points:	Level:
Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy)	128	Elective 4 th Year
Bachelor of Complementary Medicine	48	Elective 3 rd Year
Duration: 1 Semester		
Subject Coordinator: Shashi Reddy (Sydney campus)		
Subject is: Elective	Subject Credit Points: 2	

Student Workload:

No. timetabled hours per week: 3	No. personal study hours per week: 2	Total hours per week: 5
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Delivery Mode:

Face to face	1 x 2 hour lecture	1 x 1 hour tutorial
E-Learning	Details:	Narrated Powerpoint presentations Asynchronous tutor moderated discussion forum and activities Student handouts, web-based resources
Intensive	Details:	Summer School - contact hours are delivered over 3 weeks with 2 days delivered per week. Assessment: Written assessments for the Summer School intensive delivery are due to be uploaded by 11.55pm Sunday AEST on the week assigned throughout the Summer School period (Homeopathic substance monograph – week 2, Formative quizzes – weekly). Final exam held in Week 6 of Summer School.
Full Time		
Part Time		

Pre-requisites: HOMC121, SOCQ121

Co-requisites: BIOH122, HOMT122

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Subject Rationale

This subject introduces students to homeopathic therapeutic prescribing and develops clinical reasoning skills by comparing and contrasting medicines sharing a common sphere of action. Each medicine is investigated from the perspective of its taxonomy, constituents, therapeutic actions and applications, administration and dosage. Students will develop familiarity with a broad range of commonly used homeopathic medicines, and the ability to select suitable medicines for common clinical situations in major bodily systems. Students will become familiar with the traditional and contemporary data informing homeopathic materia medica, as well as relevant scientific research.

Learning Outcomes

1. Identify the major taxonomical groupings relevant to homeopathic materia medica.
2. Identify the relationship between homeopathic indications and the biochemical actions of substances.
3. Compare and contrast the characteristics of various commonly used homeopathic medicines from the perspective of both traditional and scientific knowledge.
4. Apply organ specific medicines to simple cases based on specific therapeutic action, clinical indications and appropriate posology.

5. Evaluate the benefits of commonly used homeopathic medicines in human health conditions.

Assessment Tasks

Type	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Weeks Content Delivered	Week Due	Weighting
Homeopathic Substance Monograph (1000 words)	1, 2	1-6	7	20%
Quizzes x 4 (Multiple choice, matching questions, short answers and case studies)	1, 3, 4	1-13	3, 6, 9, 13	4 x 10% Total = 40%
Case Study (2000 words)	3, 4, 5	1-13	Sunday following Week 13	40%

Prescribed readings:

- Endeavour RadarOpus software package, including:
 - Boenninghausen, C. (2010). *Therapeutic pocket book*. (P. Vint, Trans.). Assesse, Belgium: Archibel S.A.
 - Schroyens, F. (2016). *Core synthesis*. Assesse, Belgium: Archibel S.A.
 - Van Woensel, E. (2016). *149 Keynotes, characteristics and peculiarities*. Assesse, Belgium: Archibel S.A.

Recommended readings:

- Morrison, R. (1998). *Desktop companion to physical pathology*. Nevada City: Hahnemann Clinic Publishing
- Vermeulen, F. (2011). *Plants: Homeopathic and medicinal uses from the botanical family perspective* (Vols. 1-4). Glasgow, Scotland: Saltire Books.
- Vermeulen, F. (2012). *Synoptic reference 1*. Assesse, Belgium: B. Jain-Archibel.*
- Vermeulen, F. (2015). *Concordant reference* (2nd ed.). Glasgow, Scotland: Saltire Books.

*[available in print edition or as an electronic addition to Endeavour RadarOpus package]

Subject Content

Week	Lecture	Tutorial
1.	Taxonomical classification: Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domains Kingdoms Ranks Therapeutic prescribing: Organ prescribing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compton Burnett Seat of disease Potency and posology in organ therapeutics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
2.	Taxonomical classification: Kingdoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minerals and the periodic table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plantae • Animalia • Fungi • Monera • Viruses 	
3.	Therapeutic prescribing: Nervous system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stramonium • Tarentula hispanica • Zincum metallicum • Causticum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
4.	Therapeutic prescribing: Endocrine system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarcodes Musculoskeletal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryonia alba • Calcarea Phosphorica • Calcarea fluorica 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
5.	Therapeutic prescribing: Cardiovascular system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bovista lycoperdon • Digitalis pupurea • Naja tripudians • Aesculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
6.	Therapeutic prescribing: Integumentary system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphites • Mezereum • Petroleum • Arsenicum album 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
7.	Therapeutic prescribing: Respiratory system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenzinum • Antimonium tartaricum • Cuprum metallicum • Kali bichromium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
NON-TEACHING WEEK (note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week) Semester 1 - This aligns with the week after Easter so it may fall between weeks 6 to 8. Semester 2 & Online students - The break week falls between Weeks 7 and 8.		
8.	Therapeutic prescribing: Liver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelidonium majus • Lycopodium clavatum • Natrium sulphuricum Bowel Nosodes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Bach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
9.	Therapeutic prescribing: Gastrointestinal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nux vomica • Phosphorus • Sulphur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
10.	Therapeutic prescribing: Male reproductive health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnus castus • Selenium • Chimaphila 	approaches.
11.	Therapeutic prescribing: Urinary system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cantharis • Petroselinum • Sarsparilla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
12.	Therapeutic prescribing: Female system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulsatilla • Sepia • Lachesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
13.	Therapeutic prescribing: Mammary glands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belladonna • Conium maculatum • Phytolacca • Lac caninum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches.
14.	Non-Teaching Week / Practical Examination Week 1. Note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week.	
15.	Non-Teaching Week / Practical Examination Week 2. Note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week.	
16.	Final Exam Week 1 On campus enrolled students: please refer to the Exam Timetable for your local campus for the exact day and time of exam. Online enrolled students: You are required to sit examinations on campus per the <i>Examination Policy - Higher Education</i> . The Exam Week for subjects offered online is identified in the Online Calendar.	
17.	Final Exam Week 2 Please refer to the Exam Timetable for your local campus for the exact day and time of exam.	