

SUBJECT OUTLINE



Subject Name:

Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3A

Subject Code:

NATC425A

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Award/s:	Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy)	Total Course Credit Points:	128	Level:	4 th Year
Duration:	1 Semester				
Subject Coordinator:	Gabrielle Harris (Melbourne campus)				
Subject is:	Core	Subject Credit Points:	6		

Student Workload:

No. timetabled hours per week:	No. personal study hours per week:	Total hours per week:
9	6	15

Delivery Mode:

Face to Face 3 x 3 hour clinical practicum (over 14 weeks)
(On campus)

Intensive Delivery Contact hours are delivered over 6 weeks with 3 x 7 hour days delivered per week
(Summer School) Content: Observation of senior student practitioners will take place during Weeks 1-3. In Weeks 4-6 students will undertake client consultations

Assessment: Attendance - Weeks 1-6; Mid-semester Progressive Clinical Assessment - Week 3; Client Case Study 1 - Week 6; Client Case Study 2 - Week 6; Final Progressive Clinical Assessment - Week 6

Full Time

Part Time

Pre-requisites: WHMF314, NMDA321, NATC414

Co-requisites: Nil

Special Resource Requirements:

Closed-toe leather footwear

HLTAID003 Provide first aid (VET unit of competency)

LMS-based clinic induction and quiz

Professional Dress Standards as described by [Wellnation Clinic Student Handbook](#)

[Wellnation Clinic Student Handbook](#)

WWCC (or its equivalent) for the location in which subject is undertaken as per [Working with Children Check Policy](#)

Kit items include:

- Endeavour white clinic coat
- Iris magnifier torch
- Measuring tape
- Otoscope
- Penlight
- Percussion reflex hammer
- Sphygmomanometer
- Stethoscope
- Thermometer

- Timing device

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Subject Rationale

Senior clinic students practise naturopathy under the supervision of qualified supervisors in the Endeavour Teaching Clinics, by taking the lead in client assessment, case analyses and delivery of naturopathic care. Application of naturopathic clinical skills includes naturopathic case taking, effective communication, identifying client's expectations, working in inter and multidisciplinary teams, developed naturopathic assessment techniques, interpretation of pathology reports and conventional medical diagnosis, guide students in developing naturopathic clinical practice. Evidence informed understanding of client's conditions, potential interactions and naturopathic treatment options conducted between client visits is expected to inform follow-up consultations. Clinic students apply naturopathic philosophy and principles in case management with diverse clients and the range of acute and chronic conditions that present in our clinics.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply naturopathic medicine philosophy, principles, ethical and professional values, knowledge and skills to the assessment and management of clients in a clinical setting.
2. Critically evaluate diagnostic and treatment options based on totality of professional education thus far, incorporating relevant research, clinical expertise, social, cultural considerations and client preferences to construct a suitable and short and long term treatment plan.
3. Demonstrate professionalism whilst conducting naturopathic consultations, maintain a therapeutic relationship with clients when faced with ethical issues in clinical practice.
4. Reflect on naturopathic medicine consultations in relation to establishing communication and appropriate treatment decisions and client management options. Identify strengths and limitations of clinical case management.
5. Acquire and consolidate knowledge of naturopathic medicine practice management including Work, Health and Safety standards, office reception, clinic procedures, dispensing and naturopathic treatment.

Assessment Tasks

Type	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Session Content Delivered	Due	Weighting
Attendance (100% required)	N/A	N/A	Sessions 1-42	Pass/Fail
Mid-semester Progressive Clinical Assessment (rubric-based)	1-5	1-6	Sessions 19-24	20%
2 Client Case Studies (750-1500 words, each suitable for publication)	1-5	1-14	Week 10 & 14	40% (2x20%)
Final Progressive Clinical Assessment (rubric-based)	1-5	1-14	Session 42	40%
All written assessments and online quizzes are due at 11:55 p.m. and submitted through the LMS				
The overall pass rate for this subject is 50%				
Additionally students must pass the Final Progressive Clinical Assessment with a mark not less than 50%				

Prescribed Readings:

1. Sarris, J., & Wardle, J. (Eds.). (2014). *Clinical naturopathy: An evidence-based guide to practice* (2nd ed.). Sydney, NSW: Churchill Livingstone Elsevier. [ebook available]

Recommended Readings:

1. Bone, K. (2003). *A clinical guide to blending liquid herbs: Herbal formulations for the individual patient*. St Louis, MO: Churchill Livingstone. [ebook available]
2. Braun, L., & Cohen, M. (2014). *Herbs and natural supplements: An evidence-based guide* (4th ed., Vol. 1-2). Sydney, NSW: Churchill Livingstone Elsevier. [ebook available]
3. Gropper, S. S., Smith, J. L., & Carr, T. P. (2016) *Advanced nutrition and human metabolism* (7th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.
4. Hechtman, L. (2019). *Clinical naturopathic medicine* (2nd ed.). Chatswood, NSW: Churchill Livingstone Elsevier. [ebook available for rev. ed.]
5. Pizzorno, J. E., Murray, M. T., & Joiner-Bey, H. (2016). *The clinician's handbook of natural medicine* (3rd ed.). St Louis, MO: Elsevier. [ebook available]
6. Stansbury, J. (2018). *Herbal formularies for health professionals (Vol.1): Digestion and elimination*. White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green Publishing
7. Stansbury, J. (2018). *Herbal formularies for health professionals (Vol.2): Circulation and respiration*. White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green Publishing
8. Yarnell, E. (2010). *Natural approach to gastroenterology* (2nd ed.). East Wenatchee, WA: Healing Mountain Publishing

Subject Content

Week	Clinical Practicum
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<p>1-7.</p>	<p>Clinic Practicum goes from Week 1 to Week 14 with a one week non-teaching week before Week 8. Mid-semester reviews of clinical practicum are conducted in Weeks 7-8 and students are provided written and verbal feedback from each supervisor about their performance in clinic according to the marking rubric, and marks are aggregated to provide a single grade.</p> <p>In Clinical Practicum student practitioners are evaluated on their ability to apply their knowledge and skills in a professional manner in each and every office visit. Therefore students should note that, although helpful, previous success in academic subjects does not guarantee success in Clinical Practicum.</p> <p>Introduction to Clinical Practicum (Week 1 only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the subject: Subject outline, subject rationale, assessment, and teaching resources • Orientation to site specific safety information and to the clinic and dispensary <p>Sessions 1-21 (3 sessions/week)</p> <p>Students perform observation only, acting as secondary student practitioners they support the primary student practitioner. Clients will be seen after orientation in Week 1.</p> <p>During the first half of Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1 student practitioners will act as secondary practitioners working with a paired senior student practitioner under supervision. Secondary student practitioners gain experience in clinic and begin to develop their clinical skills by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending clinical consultations and observations • Practicing good practitioner-client communication • Case taking • Practising clinical examination skills • Interpreting pathology and functional test results • Practicing Naturopathic diagnostic techniques • Contributing to differential diagnosis • Developing naturopathic treatment plans • Learning when to refer (and writing referral letters) • Supporting the primary student practitioner when presenting to supervisor • Practicing office management skills, dispensing and reception duties • Observing all clinic policy and procedure • Participating in debriefing sessions at the conclusion of each clinical practicum to identify any important issues
	<p>NON-TEACHING WEEK (note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week)</p> <p>Semester 1 - This aligns with the week after Easter so it may fall between Weeks 6 to 8</p> <p>Semester 2 - The non-teaching week falls between Weeks 7 and 8</p>
<p>8-14.</p>	<p>Sessions 22-42 (3 sessions/week)</p> <p>Students perform clinical case-taking as the primary student practitioner and also observation of case taking. During the second half of Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 1 student practitioners will act as primary practitioners with the assistance of a paired senior student practitioner under supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students participate in clinical consultations and observations, client and practitioner communication and interaction, case taking, diagnosis and treatment regimes • This includes regular practice of clinical examination skills, interpretation of biomedical tests and functional test results • It also includes the practice of naturopathic diagnostic techniques • Clinical practice includes clinical management skills, dispensing and reception duties • Authorisation of proposed treatment strategy by supervisor <p>It is important to note that Clinical Practicum subjects continue to run until the end of Week 14 of the semester in order to meet the practical hours requirements for recognition of the course with professional associations.</p> <p>Final reviews of clinical practicum are conducted in Week 14 and students are presented with further written and verbal feedback from each supervisor about their performance in clinic in relation to specified rubrics, and marks are aggregated to provide a final grade.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Non-Teaching Week/Practical Examination Week</p> <p>Note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week</p>

16.	Final Examination Week 1 There is no final exam for this subject
17.	Final Examination Week 2 There is no final exam for this subject