



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	4 th Year
Bachelor of Complementary Medicine	48	3 rd Year
Duration: 1 Semester		
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
Delivery Mode*:		
<input type="checkbox"/> On campus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online / Digital	<input type="checkbox"/> Blended
<input type="checkbox"/> Intensive		
Weekly Session^ Format/s - 1 session per week:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eLearning modules: <div> Lectures: Interactive online learning modules Tutorials: can include asynchronous tutor moderated discussion forum and activities, learning journal activities or other web-based resources <i>Optional:</i> Synchronous debriefing webinars </div>		
*All modes are supported by the online learning management system which will include subject documents such as handouts, readings and assessment guides. ^A 'session' is made up of 3 hours of timetabled / online study time per week unless otherwise specified. Each subject has a set number of sessions as outlined above.		
Study Pattern: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. Compare and contrast the characteristics of various commonly used homeopathic medicines from the perspective of traditional, scientific and biochemic knowledge.
3. Apply organ specific medicines to simple cases based on specific therapeutic action, clinical indications and appropriate posology.
4. Evaluate the benefits of commonly used homeopathic medicines in human health conditions.

Assessment Tasks

Type	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Session Content Delivered	Due	Weighting
Quiz 1 (Multiple choice, matching questions, short answers and case studies)	1-3	1-5	Week 6	20%
Case Study (2000 words)	2-4	1-9	Week 11	50%
Quiz 2 (Multiple choice, matching questions, short answers and case studies)	2-4	6-13	Week 14	30%

All written assessments and online quizzes are due at 11:55 p.m. Sunday and submitted through the LMS.

Pass Requirements

To achieve a passing grade in this subject, students must:

- have a cumulative mark of at least 50%, and
- have submitted all assessment items with a value greater than 15%.

Prescribed Readings:

Endeavour RadarOpus software package, including:

- ④ Boenninghausen, C. (2010). *Therapeutic pocket book*. (P. Vint, Trans.). Archibel S.A.
- ④ Schroyens, F. (2016). *Core synthesis*. Archibel S.A.
- ④ Van Woensel, E. (2016). *149 Keynotes, characteristics and peculiarities*. Archibel S.A.



Recommended Readings:

- Morrison, R. (1998). *Desktop companion to physical pathology*. Hahnemann Clinic Publishing.*
- Vermeulen, F. (2011). *Plants: Homeopathic and medicinal uses from the botanical family perspective* (Vols. 1-4). Saltire Books.
- Vermeulen, F. (2012). *Synoptic reference 1*. B. Jain-Archibel.*
- Vermeulen, F. (2015). *Concordant reference: Complete classic materia medica: 1284 remedies* (2nd ed.). Saltire Books.
- Wood, M. (2004). *The practice of traditional western herbalism: Basic doctrine, energetics, and classification*. North Atlantic Books. [eBook available]
- Wood, M. (2016). *The earthwise herbal repertory: The definitive practitioner's guide*. North Atlantic Books. [eBook available]

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

Subject Content		
Week	Lectures	Tutorials
1.	Introduction (Subject Outline / Subject Aims / Assessment / Teaching Resources) 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 Plantae Animalia Fungi Monera Viruses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches
3.	Therapeutic Prescribing: Nervous System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stramonium Tarentula hispanica Zincum metallicum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Causticum 	
4.	Therapeutic Prescribing: Endocrine System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sarcodes ➤ Musculoskeletal System ➤ 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 non-teaching 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 ➤ Agnus castus ➤ Selenium ➤ Chimaphila	➤ Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches
11.	Therapeutic Prescribing: Urinary System ➤ Cantharis ➤ Petroselinum ➤ Sarsaparilla	➤ Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches
12.	Therapeutic Prescribing: Female System ➤ Pulsatilla ➤ Sepia ➤ Lachesis	➤ Analysis of related clinical cases and appropriate homeopathic therapeutic approaches
13.	Therapeutic Prescribing: Mammary Glands ➤ Belladonna ➤ Conium maculatum ➤ Phytolacca ➤ Lac caninum	➤ 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 Examination Week 1 There is no final exam for this subject	
17.	Final Examination Week 2 There is no final exam for this subject	