

SUBJECT OUTLINE

Subject Name:

Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3A

Subject Code:

NATC425A

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Student Workload:

No. timetabled hours per week: 12	No. personal study hours per week: 6	Total hours per week: 18
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Delivery Mode:

Clinic Block Delivery	3 x 4 hour clinic practicum sessions per week over 12 weeks (includes 30 minutes set up / pack down per session)
	Full Time
	Part Time

Pre-requisites: WHMF314, NMDA321, NATC414

Co-requisites: Nil

Special Resource Requirements:

Flat soled, closed toe leather footwear or approved equivalent

HLTAID003 Provide first aid (VET unit of competency)

LMS-based clinic induction and quiz

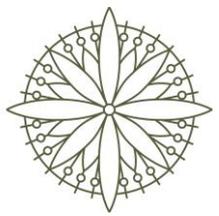
Professional Dress Standards as described by the [Endeavour Clinic Handbook](#)

[Endeavour Clinic Handbook](#)

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

Clinical equipment kit including:

- Endeavour clinic indigo tunic
- Iris magnifier torch
- Measuring tape
- Otoscope
- Penlight



- Percussion reflex hammer
- Sphygmomanometer
- Stethoscope
- Thermometer
- Timing device (with second-hand)

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 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	Weeks 1 - 12	Pass/Fail



Clinical Practice Portfolios Part A (750-words) Part B (1000words)	1,2,4,5	1 - 12	Week 5	20%
		1 24	Week 9	30%
Mid-semester Progressive Clinical Assessment (rubric-based)	1-5	1 - 15	Week 6	20%
Final Progressive Clinical Assessment (rubric-based)	1-5	1 - 36	Week 12	30%
All written assessments and online quizzes are due at 11:55 p.m. Sunday 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:

- Sarris, J., & Wardle, J. (Eds.). (2019). *Clinical naturopathy: An evidence-based guide to practice* (3rd ed.). Churchill Livingstone Elsevier.

Recommended Readings:

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



Subject Content

Week	Clinical Practicum
1-12.	<p>Clinic Practicum goes from Week 1 to Week 12. Mid-semester reviews of clinical practicum are conducted in Week 6 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>Naturopathic Clinical Practicum 3A student practitioners will act as primary practitioners with or without the assistance of a paired student practitioner under supervision.</p> <p>Both observing student practitioners and primary student practitioners gain experience in clinic and will be developing the complexity of their case taking and assessment strategies while practicing autonomously 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>Final reviews of clinical practicum are conducted in Week 12 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>