



New Zealand Naturopathic Education Competency Standards

In 2019, NMHNZ adopted the *Australian Register of Naturopaths and Herbalists* [ARONAH] competency standards for naturopathic education which means by Jan 1st, 2025, naturopathic graduates will be required to hold the minimum standards of a 4-year bachelor's degree qualification or equivalent obtained from an ARONAH accredited College, or a College that is going through a Candidacy process with ARONAH, for membership with this association. This brings naturopathic training in NZ in alignment with Australian naturopathic training and provides for trans-Tasman recognition of qualifications.

The ARONAH competency standards for Naturopathy can be viewed here:

<http://www.aronah.org/aronah-documents/>

Currently there are no NZ Colleges fully accredited to provide ARONAH competency standards for Naturopathy. Instead, some NZ Colleges may be transitioning through a Candidacy process with ARONAH in order to meet these requirements. This page will be updated regularly to advise prospective students of the current situation in New Zealand – that is, Colleges that are accredited with ARONAH or which are undertaking a Candidacy process in order to meet these competency standards.

BEFORE ENROLLING AT A NATUROPATHIC COLLEGE, PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES HAVE INITIATED A CANDIDACY PROCESS WITH ARONAH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCREDITATION.

NZ COLLEGES

- No colleges currently

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGES

- Endeavour College of Natural Health
- Southern Cross University
- Torrens University

Registration with ARONAH

Those who seek registration as a naturopath with the registering body ARONAH, perhaps because they have a desire to work in Australia, or because they wish to meet these international standards, can gain registration, where they meet the ARONAH Grandparenting Guidelines. For further information see the link above.