



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, 2026, 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: aronah.org . The ARONAH naturopathic education accreditation standards can be viewed here [Naturopathic Education Accreditation Standards 2021 Final.docx \(aronah.org\)](#)

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 NZ COLLEGES HAVE INITIATED A CANDIDACY PROCESS WITH ARONAH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCREDITATION.

NZ COLLEGES

- South Pacific College of Natural Medicine is in the early stages of establishing candidacy process with ARONAH.

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGES recognised by NMHNZ are the following ARONAH accredited colleges:

- Southern Cross University
- Endeavour College of Natural Health Australia – pre 2023
- Torrens University Australia – pre-2023

Other acceptable colleges

- Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
- University of Western Cape
- Bastyr University USA
- National University of Natural Medicine USA
- South West College of Naturopathic Medicine Arizona / Sonoran University
- Any CNME-accredited program