



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 into 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, although a process is in the initial stages.

The following colleges currently deliver a naturopathic programme accredited by 'Naturopaths and Medical Herbalists of New Zealand' and as such are entitled to be 'World Naturopathic Federation' Educational Institution members:

- **South Pacific College of Natural Medicine**
- **Wellpark College of Natural Therapies**

Programme accreditation with NMHNZ requires that the programme is NZQA accredited [for education] AND that the college's board has approved transition to a four year program AS WELL AS program accreditation with ARONAH [for professional standards]. The college has to have demonstrated commitment and progress towards these pre-ARONAH candidacy requirements to have NMHNZ accreditation.

From this point forward colleges will then transition 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, identify Colleges that are accredited with NMHNZ and ARONAH or which are undertaking an ARONAH Candidacy process in order to meet these PROFESSIONAL competency standards.

BEFORE ENROLLING AT A NATUROPATHIC COLLEGE, PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES HAVE ARONAH ACCREDITATION OR 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.

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