

Why choose us?

Category 1 Education Provider

NZQA have given Category 1 status to SPCNM, the highest possible category. This means NZQA are highly confident in the delivery of our programmes.

Excellent reputation

Most of our students come to us via word-of-mouth. Professional naturopaths and medical herbalists often direct students to SPCNM.

Experienced Academic Staff

Our lecturers are leaders in their disciplines, active in research, and well-published in fields relevant to their courses.

Class Delivery

SPCNM provide flexibility in learning through, live streamed classes via Zoom so our students can be part of the class wherever they are. Excellent delivery on-campus or via recordings if students happen to miss a class.

Individual Focus

SPCNM values the welfare of students, offering Student Support Services.

Our Academic staff value our students. Students are well supported to maximise their potential and to develop independence.

College Facilities

- Purpose-built premises in NZ for teaching natural medicine.
- On-campus Paua Clinic and dispensary. Open to the public: www.pauaclinic.co.nz
- On-campus teaching herb garden, which is valued by students, staff and alumni.
- An up to date library with access to computers, electronic databases, study space and wireless internet.
- A student common space Cheal Cottage – providing a kitchen, study rooms with computers and wireless internet access. For use 7 days a week – 6am – 9pm.

Graduate opportunities

SPCNM graduates go on to work in a variety of roles:

- In multidisciplinary clinics alongside other allied health professionals
- In independent private clinical practice
- In education and research
- In the health food industry
- As representatives for health supplement companies
- In retail health shops
- In spa and health resorts

Articulation pathways

SPCNM graduates can further their study through the agreements we have with Torrens University and Endeavour College of Natural Health in Australia, where they can gain credit into a Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy).

Graduates frequently take on post-graduate study in the Master of Health Science, Public Health or Health Practice offered by NZ universities. Graduates will need to assess the particular entry requirements for the course they wish to pursue.

Disclaimer

Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only for students and is subject to change.

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STUDY ON-LINE OR ON-CAMPUS



Bachelor of Natural Medicine

A degree that integrates traditional wisdom with scientific knowledge.

A rewarding career that makes a difference in peoples lives.

Study in a supportive environment alongside a strong community.





South Pacific College of Natural Medicine (SPCNM) was established in 1967. The College is NZQA registered and offers the highest level of education as a Category 1 education provider.

Vision: An inspiring future for natural medicine

Mission: Improving health and wellbeing through quality education and the promotion of natural medicine

Bachelor of Natural Medicine

As a student you will gain critical knowledge and understanding of herbal medicine, nutrition, anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology. You will gain sound clinical experience and practice, enabling you to support and motivate people to achieve optimum health and wellness.

It is recommended that you study the degree full-time over three years. However part-time options are available. The first two years of the programme may be studied on-campus or via online learning. Classes are live-streamed and recorded for online learners. The third year (the clinical programme) is delivered on-campus only.

Full-time study requires 16 hours class attendance per week, plus at least an equivalent 16 – 20 hours of self-directed learning.

Enrolment Criteria

Please refer to our website for current Admission and Enrolment criteria.

Enrolment into the degree normally takes place in October to mid-November for the following year.

The enrolment process is online and requires a non-refundable application fee. The process will require the submission of a variety of documents at each stage of the enrolment process, and may involve an interview.

For more information please:

email: enquiries@spcnm.ac.nz

phone: 0800 100 638

or visit: www.spcnm.ac.nz

If you have not previously studied at a tertiary level, please consider our New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4) delivered in Semester 2 (July to November) or taking a Personal Interest course. Please refer to our website.



Don't just take our word?

Isla Marriott



"I have always had a passion for plants and food and how mother nature can help us to heal and thrive. I began my journey at South Pacific by taking the Biochemistry of Foods personal interest paper and I knew that I had found my 'thing'! The following year I started full-time on-campus study.

Nothing compares to South Pacific's support and community feel – the attentiveness and passion of the lectures and small class sizes have given me the opportunity to learn more and have fun while doing it!

My lecturers, fellow students, and the beautiful campus with its medicinal herb garden, library and on-site clinic have created such a nourishing study experience. South Pacific upholds quality education on holistic health while also creating an environment for students to embody what we learn! In my opinion, this is by far the top place in New Zealand to study naturopathy."

Joanne Evans



"From the moment you walk in the door at South Pacific College of Natural Medicine, you feel welcomed and inspired. I studied on the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation course last year and whilst it was an online course, I found myself at the SPCNM library 2-3 days a week – the environment was perfect for study. I came to know some of the students and staff and being on-site certainly helped with motivation.

Having not studied at a tertiary level before, I must admit to being initially quite daunted. But, within a few months of being on the Certificate course I found myself really curious about the degree. After I passed the Certificate course I was confident that the degree was the right path for me. I am now studying towards the Bachelor's degree and am loving it. The content is incredibly engaging and the staff and fellow students are encouraging and supportive.

I know I made the right decision to study at SPCNM."