

## Why choose us?

### Category 1 Education Provider

SPCNM is a NZQA Category 1 Provider, 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.

### Student 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](http://www.pauaclinic.co.nz)
- On-campus teaching herb garden, which is valued by students, staff and alumni.
- Library facilities 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.

## Don't just take our word

"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 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."

"The certificate programme helped me to build a solid foundation for future studies. It's an excellent opportunity to get to know lecturers, the college software and resources."

"I would definitely recommend this course. If you haven't been studying before, or it was a long time ago, it's a great opportunity to arm yourself with the knowledge and tools to feel confident in future studies. The course helped me to avoid being overwhelmed and stressed when I started the degree programme and helped me enjoy the process."

"Before I embarked on committing to a degree, I wanted to make sure that this was something I really wanted to do and was able to do. I hadn't studied for over ten years and did not have a background in science. So, enrolling in the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Preparation was the perfect way to ease my concerns and prepare me for further study."

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

### 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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## Considering a career in Natural Medicine?



## NZ Certificate in Study & Career Preparation (Natural Medicine) Level 4

A programme designed to help you prepare for the Bachelor of Natural Medicine



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# Programme Overview

The NZCertSCP (L4) comprises of four 15 credit courses as follows:

- Introduction to Natural Medicine
- Introduction to Biological Sciences
- Academic Learning Skills
- Computing and Digital Skills

### Programme Length

20 Weeks (including holiday weeks) full-time  
1 year - part-time

**Please refer to our website - [spcnm.ac.nz](http://spcnm.ac.nz) for information on:**

- Entry criteria
- How to apply
- Tuition Fees
- Intake Dates
- International Students



# Programme Contents

Level	Course	Credit
4	<b>Introduction to Natural Medicine</b> In this course, students are introduced to the philosophy of natural medicine and the concepts of Rongoā Māori and herbal medicine in a New Zealand context. Concepts of holistic health, well-being, a healthy lifestyle and prevention of disease will be introduced. The principles and goals of Herbal Medicine will be explored. A range of herbs and their traditional and modern applications will be studied.	15
4	<b>Introduction to Biological Sciences</b> In this course, students are introduced to the essential concepts of the biological sciences. General principles of chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, anatomy and physiology and nutrition, will be explored with reference to the normal healthy human body.	15
4	<b>Academic Learning Skills</b> In this course, students will develop study skills, academic writing, reasoning and effective communication. Students will develop an understanding of academic integrity.	15
4	<b>Computing &amp; Digital Skills</b> In this course, students will develop skills in information and digital technology in an academic context.	15

## NZ Certificate in Study & Career Preparation Level 4

This programme is an introduction to tertiary study and will lay the foundation for success in further study. It is aimed at developing the skills, knowledge and attributes for further education in natural medicine for our Bachelor's degree, or in another degree programme.

- NZ Certificate in Study & Career Preparation is a NZQA registered programme. Students may be eligible for Studylink loans and allowances for fulltime study, including Fees-Free study.

