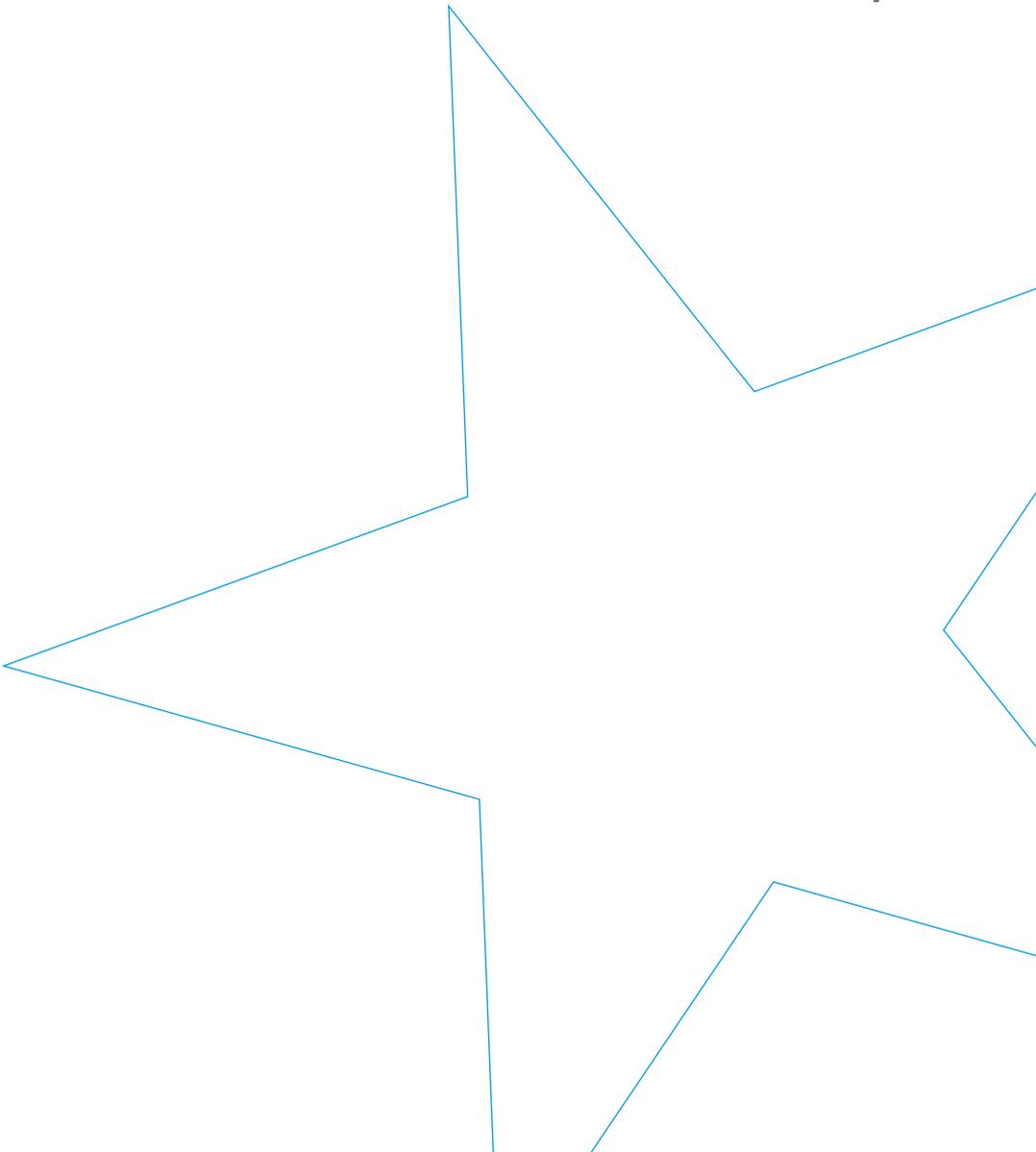


2011 Course Information for Continuing Students

School of Health & Human Sciences
Bachelor of Natural Therapies



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Course and Enrolment Information for Continuing Students

Course Overview

Bachelor of Natural Therapies

The Bachelor of Natural Therapies is designed for natural medicine practitioners who wish to increase their knowledge and skills and upgrade their existing qualifications to Bachelor degree status.

The professional development component of this full fee course will allow you to implement immediate improvements to your work practices, thereby gaining instant benefits.

Career opportunities

Enables existing practitioners to increase their skills base to expand and enhance their existing practice or to move into other areas of natural medicine practice and research.

Areas of focus

Critical Reasoning, Clinical Diagnosis in Natural Medicine, practice specialisations (Reproduction, Childhood and Adolescence, the Aged, Mental Health) or Research Project.

Summary

Locations	Distance Education
Duration	Available for continuing students only
Total units	8

Teaching Delivery

Study guide, online discussion forums, tutor contact.

Distance education students also have access to extensive online library resources.

2011 Course Rules

The Award Rules for each course are published in the *Student Handbook*. Archived Student Handbooks can be viewed online and are available from the Southern Cross University website on the [Past SCU Handbooks](#) page

Level of Award:	Undergraduate Degree
Faculty:	Arts and Sciences
Academic Organisational Unit:	School of Health and Human Sciences
Campus:	Lismore
Course Mode:	Distance Education
Duration:	Available for continuing students only
Total Units:	8

Specific Award Rules

See the University's *Rules Relating to Awards*, in conjunction with the Specific Award Rules listed below.

For the purpose of these Rules, the relevant definitions in the Glossary apply subject to the following amendments:

- a. 'Centre' means the Centre for Professional Development in Natural and Complementary Medicine.
- b. 'Candidate' means a person enrolled as a student in the University, or as a student with the Centre or with one of the University's Licencees, and proceeding with studies towards the award of Bachelor of Natural Therapies.

4.1 Qualification for Admission

Applicants for admission to candidature shall possess an Australian National Training Authority registered diploma or advanced diploma qualification or equivalent of at least three years full-time study (or equivalent part-time study) in naturopathy or herbal medicine or naturopathic nutrition, and be eligible for professional membership of either the Australian Natural Therapists Association or the National Herbalists Association of Australia.

4.2 Duration of the Course

Unless the School Board otherwise determines, a candidate for the degree shall complete the requirements of the award in not more than four (4) years from the date of initial enrolment.

4.3 Requirements for an Award

To be eligible for the award of the Bachelor of Natural Therapies a candidate shall successfully complete not less than eight (8) units comprising:

- a. all units listed in Part A of the Schedule of Units attached to these Rules;
- b. four (4) units from Part B of the Schedule; and
- c. possess an Australian National Training Authority registered diploma or advanced diploma qualification or equivalent of at least three years full-time study (or equivalent part-time study) in naturopathy or herbal medicine or naturopathic nutrition; and be eligible for professional membership of either the Australian Natural Therapists Association or the National Herbalists Association of Australia.

Unit Availability Table

This information is derived from the *Schedule of Units* and is correct at the time of printing. For the most up to date version please visit www.scu.edu.au/scheduleofunits

Part A

Unit Code	Unit Name	Pre-requisites, Anti-requisites and Co-requisites	Campus	Trimester
HLT00410	Contemporary Issues in Natural Medicine		DE	First Trimester
MDC00411	Clinical Diagnosis for Natural Medicine 1		DE	First Trimester
MDC00412	Clinical Diagnosis for Natural Medicine 2		DE	Second Trimester

Part B

Unit Code	Unit Name	Pre-requisites, Anti-requisites and Co-requisites	Campus	Trimester
HTL00415	Natural Medicine in Childhood and Adolescence		DE	Third Trimester
HLT00416	Natural Medicine and the Aged		DE	Second Trimester
HLT00418	Independent Study in Natural Medicine	HLT00420		
HLT00419/ HLT00421	Research Project in Natural Medicine (double-weighted)	Seek advice from Course Coordinator for a Supervisor		

Key

CH	Coffs Harbour Campus	THL	Tweed Heads – Lakeside Campus
GCB	Gold Coast – Beachside Campus	THR	Tweed Heads – Riverside Campus
L	Lismore Campus	DE	Distance Education (External)
		ONL	Online

Definitions

Internal is a lecture-based course of study at a physical location e.g. Coffs Harbour, Lismore, etc. Such a course may be web enhanced e.g. MySCU.

External (EXT) is an externally delivered course of study with study guides and course materials delivered via the post or made available online. Also called distance education or study via correspondence. It is typically web enhanced.

Online (ONL) is a course of study delivered exclusively online. All material for the unit is delivered online via the web.

Pre-requisite study package (“Pre”) means a study package (unit or course) which must have been completed with a grade of Pass or above before enrolling in another specified study package.

Co-requisite study package (“Co”) means a study package (unit or course) in which a student must be concurrently enrolled (or have satisfactorily completed) prior to enrolment in another specified study package.

Anti-requisite study package (“Anti”) means a study package (unit or course) that if satisfactorily completed will not allow enrolment in another specified study package, normally because they are equivalent or overlapping in content.

Unit Descriptions

Part A – Core units

HLT00410 Contemporary Issues in Natural Medicine

This unit aims to critically examine five principle aspects of contemporary natural medicine that shape the construct of our profession, including ways in which we perceive the individual; reflect on our clinical judgment; modify health related behaviour; critique relevant research and work according to current policies and regulations that govern safe practice. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by the use of the Study Guide, Readings, Reflective Journal and essays.

MDC00411 Clinical Diagnosis for Natural Medicine 1

This unit provides a comprehensive introduction to clinical diagnosis – an essential component of naturopathic clinical practice. The unit also provides skills in critical thinking, understanding of the common manifestations of disease and a systematic approach to reaching a clinical diagnosis based upon a reasoned judgement of the presentation. Material is presented in a problem based learning format. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by Study Guide case studies and an external written examination.

MDC00412 Clinical Diagnosis in Natural Medicine 2

This unit builds on Clinical Diagnosis for Natural Medicine I. Continues the problem based learning approach to diagnosis by analysis of problems based on body systems. The primary aim of this unit is to develop critical analytical skills as the core component of clinical reasoning. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by Study Guide case studies and an external written examination.

Part B – Elective units

HLT00415 Natural Medicine in Childhood and Adolescence

This unit aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to clinical paediatrics and its relationship to natural medicine. Naturopathic practitioners will explore special issues of physiology and focused pathophysiology enabling the development of essential diagnostic and assessment skills of the infant, the child and the adolescent. As prime contact practitioners you will be introduced to the clinical diagnosis, treatment and appropriate referral of the child or adolescent.

Utilising this knowledge base you will be able to construct a natural medicine approach including therapeutics, to the management of the young and adolescent. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by the use of the Study Guide, Readings, textbook/s, assignments and open-book written examination.

HLT00416 Natural Medicine and the Aged

The aim of this unit is to explore the ageing process through social, physical and pathophysiological perspectives, which are required to appropriately, manage problems in the aged. Clinical diagnosis, identification of special issues and appropriate referral decisions form the core practice component of this unit. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by the use of the Study Guide, Readings, textbook and assignments.

HLT00418 Independent Study in Natural Medicine

This unit aims to provide students with an opportunity to undertake an in-depth study of a particular topic or area of practice in natural and complementary medicine under the guidance

of an academic staff member. This unit also aims to further develop skills in literature review, critical analysis and academic writing, whilst developing detailed knowledge of the chosen topic and the capacity for self-review. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by the use of the Study Guide and guidance by a supervising academic staff member.

HLT00419/HLT00421 Research Project in Natural Medicine

This double-weighted unit provides practitioners with an opportunity to undertake an in-depth study of a particular topic of their choice in the area of natural and complementary medicine and to carry out a minor research project relevant to the topic. Progression through this unit will be facilitated by the use of the Study Guide and guidance by a supervising academic staff member.

School Contacts

Student Liaison Team

The Student Liaison Team aims to provide you with a high level of friendly, efficient and professional service and can be used as the first point of contact for enquires you may have regarding your course. If the Student Support/Liaison Team does not have the answer to your question, they will be able to refer you to the relevant area within the University or to the appropriate staff member.

Staff in the Student Liaison Team can provide you with assistance during the course of your studies in relation to the following types of enquiries:

- enrolment advice
- course structure and planning
- unit selection
- assignment administration
- advanced standing
- special consideration
- general course administration
- support for Distance Education students.

Location: Student Support/Liaison Staff are located on each campus.

Hours: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Fax: 02 66203022

Email: healthscience@scu.edu.au

Academic Staff

Academic staff are available to discuss any questions or issues you may have regarding specific unit or course content.

- **Course Coordinators** have responsibility for the overall coordination, development, review and administration of a course. Please familiarise yourself with the name of your Course Coordinator.
- **Unit Assessors** have responsibility for the overall coordination, development, review and administration of a unit. Please familiarise yourself with the name of your Unit Assessor.

Course Coordinator	Contact details	Campus
Dr Hans Wohlmuth	02 6620 3159 hans.wohlmuth@scu.edu.au	Lismore Room: Z2.11

Unit Assessors	Contact details	Campus
Cathy Avila Nat. Med. in Childhood and Adolescence	02 6626 9183 cathy.avila@scu.edu.au	Lismore Room: Z2.45
Dr Sonya Brownie Contemp. Issues in Nat. Med Nat. Med. and the Aged	02 6620 3948 sonya.brownie@scu.edu.au	Lismore Room: Z2.46
Ken Wojcikowski Clinical Diag. for Nat. Med. 1 Clinical Diag. for Nat. Med. 2	02 6620 3059 kwojciko@scu.edu.au	Lismore Room: Z2.46

Part Two

General Information

Census dates

Each unit of study in a study period at SCU has a census date that is the day upon which a student's enrolment for unit(s) in the study period becomes fixed and final. After the census date a student cannot enrol or withdraw from units without significant financial and/or academic liability.

If using the HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP Government loan schemes, the debt for units in the study period is deferred on the census date.

Census dates vary depending on the unit/s in which a student is enrolled. Therefore, it is important that students are aware of the census date for each enrolled unit for a particular study period.

To determine the actual census date for each unit of study, students must check My Enrolment:

- Log into My Enrolment
- Select *My Study Plans*
- From the menu to the left of the screen select *Current Enrolment*

Each unit in which a student is enrolled will be displayed with the census date clearly identified.

Academic Skills Development Unit– Learning Assistance

Learning Assistance is a service that is offered to all students at Southern Cross University via the Academic Skills Development Office

Specialist staff provide health science students assistance with academic skills such as analysing assignment questions, assignment writing, preparing for exams, reading, note-taking and time management.

If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful service please contact:

Martina Baumer Tel: 02 6620 3963

Email: learningassist@scu.edu.au

For further information visit the website: <http://www.scu.edu.au/academicskills>

Examinations

Final examinations are held at the end of each study period. Not all units require examinations so you should carefully check the assessment requirements of all the units in which you are enrolled.

It is your responsibility to complete any required examinations. Students will receive notification via their SCU email account when the preliminary timetable is available. When the final timetable is published it will be available on the web and on My Enrolment (select 'Exam Timetable' under 'My Exams'). It is your responsibility to check the details of all your examinations. Details will not be given out by telephone.

The University's rules governing Student Assessment and Examinations are set out in the Rules section of the Handbook.

Special consideration

The Student Assessment and Examination rules provide for you to be granted a special examination or special consideration in appropriate circumstances. In general terms, the rules provide that where you complete an assessment task such as an examination or assignment and believe your performance or preparation was adversely affected by medical or other circumstances, you may apply for special consideration.

If you are unable to sit for an examination due to medical or other exceptional circumstances you may apply for a special examination. Except in exceptional circumstances, a special examination will not be granted once you sit for an examination. Misreading the exam timetable is not grounds for a special examination. You may also apply for special consideration to vary the deadline for an assessment task, other than an examination.

An application form for Special Consideration is available from the Student Centre, from your School or College and on the Student Services website.

Staying in touch with SCU

After completing your unit enrolment you should continue to check your enrolment details on MyEnrolment and access your SCU webmail account. Any enrolment problems will be reported to you at this email address. The University also sends regular all-student notices and reminders to your SCU webmail account, so it is important to check your email account every week.

Forwarding of SCU student email to a private email address is permitted. If you would like to send your webmail to your preferred email please visit <http://webmail.scu.edu.au> Go to – OPTIONS – SETTINGS – Enable Forwarding – Enter your preferred email address - SAVE.

In order to receive the most up-to-date information relating to your university studies it is vital that you keep your contact details up to date, including your home, mobile and residential telephone numbers and your preferred address. You can update your contact details using MyEnrolment.

University Library

You can use the Library to:

- request books, photocopies of articles, subject searches, interlibrary loans
- arrange borrowing privileges from other libraries.

If you have Internet access you can also:

- request books, photocopies and services online
- access the Library catalogue which shows the holdings of all our libraries
- search full-text databases and electronic journals
- access a range of Internet resources.

To contact Library staff:

Freecall: 1800 659 460

Fax: (02) 6620 3875

Email: libdesk@scu.edu.au

Website: www.scu.edu.au/library

Key Dates for 2011

	Session 1, 2011	Trimester A, 2011
Orientation and transition starts	Wednesday, 16 February	
Studies commence	Monday, 21 February	Monday, 17 January
Beat the Stress Week (showcasing Support Services)	Monday, 7 March – Friday, 11 March	
Last date to enrol online	Sunday, 6 March	Sunday, 30 January
Census date	Check your census date in My Enrolment	Check your census date in My Enrolment
Study break	Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April	
Study break	Monday 23 May – Wednesday 25 May	
Last withdrawal without fail	Saturday, 30 April	Saturday, 26 March
Exam period	Tuesday, 26 May – Saturday, 4 June	Monday, 18 April – Friday, 29 April
Grade publication	Saturday, 18 June	Monday, 9 May
Inter-session or inter-trimester break	Monday, 6 June – Friday, 17 June	Monday, 2 May – Friday, 6 May
	Session 2, 2011	Trimester B, 2011
Orientation and transition starts	Wednesday, 15 June	
Studies commence	Monday, 20 June	Monday, 9 May
Beat the Stress Week (showcasing Support Services)	Monday, 4 July – Friday 8 July	
Last date to enrol online	Sunday, 3 July	Sunday, 22 May
Census date	Check your census date in My Enrolment	Check your census date in My Enrolment
Last withdrawal without fail	Saturday, 27 August	Saturday, 16 July
Study break	Monday, 1 August – Friday, 5 August	
Study break	Monday, 19 September – Wednesday, 21 September	
Exam period	Thursday, 22 September – Saturday, 1 October	Monday, 8 August – Friday, 19 August
Grade publication	Saturday, 15 October	Monday, 29 August
Inter-session or inter-trimester break	Monday, 3 October – Friday, 14 October	Monday, 22 August – Friday 26 August
	Session 3, 2011–2012	Trimester C, 2011
Orientation and transition starts	Wednesday, 12 October	
Studies commence	Monday, 17 October	Monday, 29 August
Beat the Stress Week (showcasing Support Services)	Monday, 31 October – Friday, 4 November	
Last date to enrol online	Sunday, 30 October	Sunday, 11 September
Census date	Check your census date in My Enrolment	Check your census date in My Enrolment
Last withdrawal without fail	Saturday, 24 December	Saturday, 5 November

Study break	Monday, 19 December – Friday, 23 December	
Recess	Monday, 26 December – Friday, 30 December	
Study break	Monday, 23 January – Wednesday, 25 January	
Exam period	Friday, 27 January – Saturday, 4 February	Monday, 28 November – Friday, 9 December
Grade publication	Saturday, 12 February	Monday, 9 January

For further enquires please telephone 1800 626 481

Useful University Websites

Getting started

New and re-enrolling student information – ‘Getting Started at SCU’ brochure	www.scu.edu.au/enrol www.scu.edu.au/enrol/index.php/3
Academic Skills Development Unit	www.scu.edu.au/academicskills
Accommodation	www.scu.edu.au/accommodation
Campus maps	www.scu.edu.au/about/maps
Key dates	www.scu.edu.au/services/student-services
Change your password	www.scu.edu.au/changepassword
eReadings	www.scu.edu.au/library
Fees and financial assistance information	www.scu.edu.au/fees
Fees and financial assistance – document downloads	www.scu.edu.au/students/fees/index.php/dds
First year student support	www.scu.edu.au/students/firstyear
Future students – document downloads	http://www.scu.edu.au/students/prospective/ index.php/dds
International students – unit withdrawal impacts	www.scu.edu.au/students/fees/index.php/14/
International onshore students – document downloads	www.scu.edu.au/international/office/index.php/ dds
Library	www.scu.edu.au/library
My Enrolment	www.scu.edu.au/myenrolment
MySCU	http://study.scu.edu.au
Orientation and transition	www.scu.edu.au/orientation
Policy and information –Academic Standings and Appeals	www.scu.edu.au/governance/academicboard
Principal teaching dates	www.scu.edu.au/about/dates
RapidPrint	http://rapidprint.scu.edu.au

Schedule of units	www.scu.edu.au/scheduleofunits
SCU Connect	www.scu.edu.au/scuconnect
Student associations	www.scu.edu.au/studentassociations
Student Mentoring Program	www.scu.edu.au/equity/index.php/3/
Student Handbook	www.scu.edu.au/handbook
Student life [OASIS]	www.scu.edu.au/studentlife
Student Services	www.scu.edu.au/studentservices
Student Support Services	www.scu.edu.au/studentsupportservices
Test your browser	www.scu.edu.au/help/browser
Textbooks	www.coop-bookshop.com.au
Timetables	www.scu.edu.au/timetables
Turnitin	http://study.scu.edu.au/turnitin
Webmail	http://webmail.scu.edu.au

About the University

About the University	www.scu.edu.au/about
Academic faculties	www.scu.edu.au/about/index.php/15
General contact details	www.scu.edu.au/contact
International Office	www.scu.edu.au/international
Virtual tour	www.scu.edu.au/virtualtour

Schools and Colleges

Arts and Social Sciences	www.scu.edu.au/sass
Commerce and Management	www.scu.edu.au/business
Education	www.scu.edu.au/education
Environmental Science and Management	www.scu.edu.au/enviroscience
Gnibi – College of Indigenous Australian Peoples	www.scu.edu.au/gnibi
Graduate College of Management	www.scu.edu.au/gcm
Graduate Research College	www.scu.edu.au/research/college
Health and Human Sciences	www.scu.edu.au/healthscience
Law and Justice	www.scu.edu.au/law
Tourism and Hospitality Management	www.scu.edu.au/tourism
The Hotel School Sydney	www.hotelschool.scu.edu.au

