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# Studying Naturopathic and Holistic Medicine Online



If your ambition is to study Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine in order to help people with anything from headaches to cancer, then you have come to the right place. The cutting-edge Naturopathic and Holistic Medicine online courses are unique when compared to other colleges and schools because of the broad coverage of material that goes way beyond any one healing modality.

Why is the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine any different from the many other alternative medicine schools offering natural medicine courses?

Well, if you search the Internet you will find that most of the complementary medicine schools offering natural medicine courses will do so in only ONE field or modality. It will either be a degree in Homeopathy, or one in Herbal Medicine, or in Naturopathy, or Acupuncture, and so on. These are individual natural medicine degree courses that will help you to specialize in this one particular subject, but will not provide the broad spectrum of topics that our degrees have.

Health problems seen today are often too complex for any one of these healing modalities-the therapist often needs to combine different treatments in a complex combination in order to allow the body to heal. This is the premise of the Holistic Medicine courses provided by the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine. This is the knowledgebase required by health practitioners to tackle all types of chronic diseases.

The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine has been structured to be able to cover the wide gamut of natural medicine courses in order to provide a truly HOLISTIC approach.

### **Clinical Practicums**

It is not possible for a Naturopathic or Holistic Medicine practitioner to complete their education only by studying the theory online, even though there are interactive videos and other learning aids provided.

It is critical that all practitioners completing their degrees MUST work clinically under the supervision of a qualified Naturopath, logging their progress and hours of work.

Our students can work in any of the thousands of Naturopathic or Holistic Health centers in the world, as long as they keep a Clinical Practicum Log that is signed off by the supervising Naturopath. The majority of clinical hours must be with a qualified Naturopath, but some of these hours can also be with other practitioners such as medical doctors, chiropractors, osteopaths, massage therapists, energy therapists, iridologists, homeopaths, herbalists and the like.

Clinical practicum hours required would be approximately 400 hours for the Bachelor's degree, 400 hours for the Masters and 400 hours for the Doctoral degree, making a total of 1,200 hours when qualifying with a Doctoral degree.



# **Credits & Exemptions**

The number of credits required for each degree, along with the duration of study and passing grades are as follows:

Degree Programs	Duration	Total Credits	Passing Grades/Distinction
Bachelors	3 years	190	60% / 80%
Masters	1 year	50	60% / 80%
Doctorate	2 years	100	60% / 80%

There are 3 degrees that can be awarded:

- ✓ Bachelor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (B.N.H.M)
- ✓ Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (M.N.H.M)
- ✓ Doctor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (D.N.H.M)

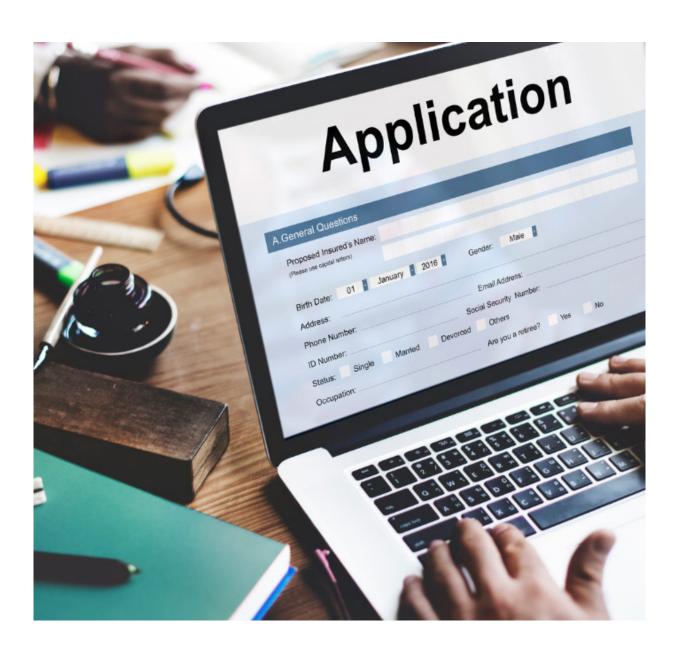


## **Application Procedure**

The Application procedure is really quite simple! First, complete the <u>Application Form</u> that you can download online in Word format. Complete it and send it back to us at <u>admin@collegenaturalmedicine.com</u> along with your C.V or resume and transcripts.

We will carefully study your educational achievements and put together an Enrolment Agreement that will detail all the courses you would be required to complete for your chosen degree.

It is possible to transfer courses and gain exemptions, assuming these courses are part of our existing curriculum. This helps to decrease the number of credits required to complete your degree.



# **Accreditation & Awarding Bodies**

### Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine Affiliates with the University of America

The University of America is a recognized and internationally accredited higher education entity. Accredited by ASIC, ATHE/Ofqual recognized and EBMA UK/QAA listed and is authorized by the Florida Department of Education Commission on Independent Education to deliver online BSc/MSc/MBA/DBA/Ph.D/Ed.D degree programs globally as well as the State of CA BPPE.

The University of America is a chartered university accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education (MHE) and registered with the Higher Education Authority (HEA) under the Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013, Part IV, Section 20(h) and Statutory Instrument No. 25 of 2016, to grant bachelors, Masters, professional doctorate and PhD degrees at par with US regional accreditation.

University of America degrees are internationally accredited and recognised.

University of America validated degrees are evaluated as regionally accredited and fulfil the requirements by the U.S. states board of Naturopathic Medical Physicians and Oriental Medicine for licensure to practice as Naturopathic Physician, Homeopath and Acupuncturist in the U.S.

University of America degrees are valid for transfers to other universities and colleges and for work in every government, public and private sector worldwide.

The University of America is a prestigious international university whose mission is to provide top quality education to students throughout the world by combining both traditional teaching methods and state of the art distance-learning facilities.

The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine is Incorporated under the Companies Law Cap 112, Section 15 (1) Registered by Cyprus Government as a Limited Company Reg. No: HE356332.

The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine is operating in accordance with the objectives for which the school has been registered and approved by the Cyprus Government.

The University of America has chosen to adopt Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine as their Cyprus EU extension affiliate campus.

In addition, the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine have been granted the status of <u>Accredited Postsecondary Institution of IABSCU</u>, USA (International Accrediting Bureau for Schools, Colleges and Universities, USA), Reg. # 00020RAF040219CY.

### **Government of Curacao**

The University of America is licensed to operate by the Government of Curacao (License no: OFS 0649/2019) and gazetted in the official Curacao Commercial Register with no:150998 and is approved to award all academic degrees and titles by the Royal Charter granted to it by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Science, Culture & Sports, Curacao with Charter Zaaknr. 2019/38885.

### The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC)

The University of America is a member of The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC).

The Accreditation Agency Curacao (**AAC**) is a regional and international Accrediting Agency of Higher Education officially recognized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Government of Curacao. **AAC** is a member of The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), affiliate of **European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (**ENQA) and the US. CHEA CIQG.

# World Council and Register of Naturopaths, Osteopaths and Homeopaths

Students qualifying from the Da Vinci Institute with a degree issued by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America will receive a Worldwide recognition by being able to fully register in the worldwide database of the profession known as the World Council and Register of Naturopaths, Osteopaths and Homeopaths after attending the World Conference on Natural Medicine and Holistic Health in the US or Curacao and defending their thesis.

This would empower Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine, Cyprus to act as a training Center of UA that can transfer all the credits earned therefrom either from online, classroom or a blend of teaching methods, to earning a UA Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degree in Holistic Medicine, which includes but not limited to:

- ✓ Bachelor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (B.N.H.M).
- ✓ Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (M.N.H.M).
- ✓ Doctor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (D.N.H.M).

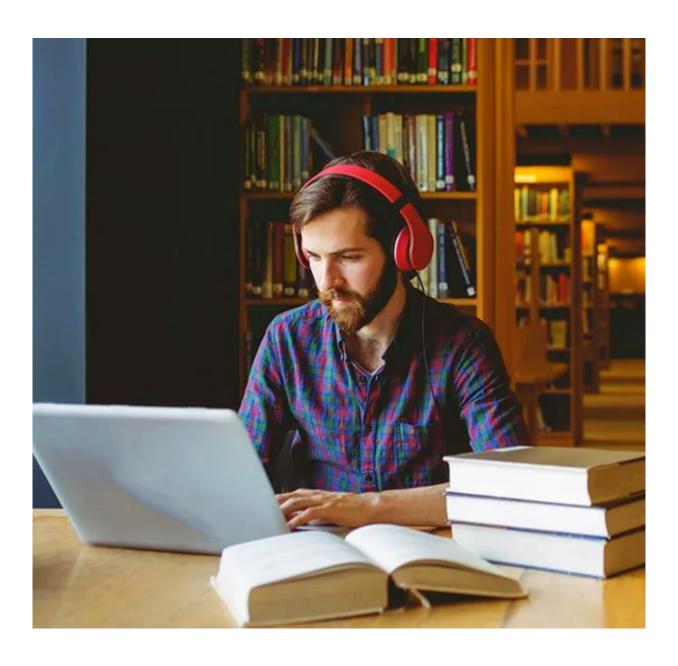
Graduates are required to complete their course work and Thesis or Dissertation within the time limit and required semester credits stated below.

### **Dissertations & Theses**

All degrees require a Dissertation to be completed in a topic of interest to the student. Your Dissertation supervisor will guide you through the process after completing the Research Methodology and Biostatistics course. It is important that the research process follows the rules of correct methodology from the beginning.

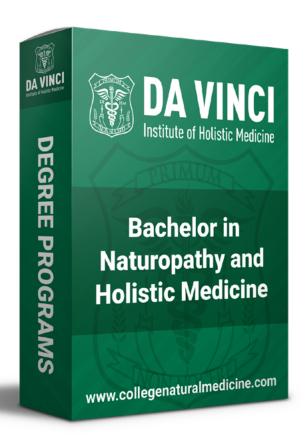
Dissertations and Theses for each degree course shall contain a minimum number of pages as follows:

- √ Bachelor's Degree minimum 100 pages in open MS Word
- √ Master's Degree minimum 150 pages in open MS Word
- ✓ Doctorate degree minimum 320 pages in open MS Word



# **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

# Bachelor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine



The Bachelor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine degree curriculum follows a sequential course of study in which students continuously build upon a deepening foundation of biomedical and clinical sciences (anatomy and physiology, pathology, medical laboratory sciences, cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, pharmacology and more).

In addition, the Bachelors in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine degree covers a vast array of topics that include naturopathy, naturopathic and

clinical nutrition, herbal medicine, homeopathy, energy medicine and bioresonance, emunctorology, toxicology, iridology, research methods and biostatistics, differential clinical diagnosis, naturopathic treatment of cholesterol, nutrigenetics and nutrigenomics, psychology and human behaviour, Bach remedies for mental health, Su Jok therapy, naturopathic sexology and a lot more. Concurrently, students are integrating naturopathic and holistic philosophy and principles, as well as natural therapeutics into their medical knowledge.

At the completion of the Bachelor's curriculum and program, students will have met the following requirements for graduation:

- ✓ Demonstrated competency in the didactic and clinical portions of the programme using a blended learning approach
- ✓ Satisfactory completion of a thesis paper

The Bachelors in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine programme, including all graduation requirements, must be completed within a maximum of four (4) years of matriculation, but is usually completed within 3 years or less.

Each trimester is 12 weeks. There is a total of 190 U.S. Credits to completion, covering 2,850 clock hours of study.

The Bachelors in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine degree will be awarded by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America, USA.

# **Bachelor's Curriculum**

FIRST YEAR		
FIRST TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
BNHM6001	Anatomy and Physiology	10
BNHM6002	Pathology for Natural Medicine	8
BNHM6003	Intro Medical Diagnostic Lab	4
	Total for trimester:	22 credits

SECOND TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
BNHM6004	Cell & Molecular Biology	4
BNHM6005	Biochemistry & Lab	4
BNHM6006	History & Philosophy of Naturopathic Medicine	4
BNHM6007	Toxicology	5
BNHM6008	Emunctorology – The Science of Detoxification	5
	Total for trimester:	22 credits

THIRD TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
BNHM6009	Naturopathic Nutrition	8
BNHM6010	Naturopathic Medicine	8
BNHM6011	Clinical Skills & Differential Diagnosis	4
	Total for trimester:	20 credits
	Total credits for year:	64 credits

### **SECOND YEAR FIRST TRIMESTER** CODE **TOPIC CREDITS** BNHM6012 Homeopathic Medicine 6 BNHM6013 Herbal Medicine 6 BNHM6014 Pharmacology 6 Total credits for trimester: 18 credits **SECOND TRIMESTER TOPIC** CODE **CREDITS** BNHM6015 The Science of Natural Healing – Part 1 6 credits BNHM6016 The Science of Natural Healing – Part 2 6 credits BNHM6017 The Science of Natural Healing – Part 3 6 credits 6 credits BNHM6018 The Science of Natural Healing – Part 4 Total credits for trimester: 24 credits THIRD TRIMESTER CODE **TOPIC CREDITS** BNHM6019 Clinical Nutrition – Part 1 5 BNHM6031 Clinical Nutrition – Part 2 5 BNHM6020 Naturopathic Diabetic Management 5 BNHM6021 Research Methods & BioStatistics - Pt 1 5 Total credits for trimester: 20 credits

Total credits for second year:

62 credits

### THIRD YEAR **FIRST TRIMESTER** TOPIC CODE **CREDITS** Bachelors Dissertation/Thesis 10 BNHM6030 6 BNHM6024 Hair Tissue Mineral Analysis Psychology & Human Behaviour BNHM6025 6 **Total credits for trimester:** 22 credits **SECOND TRIMESTER** CODE **TOPIC CREDITS** BNHM6026 6 Naturopathic Cholesterol Management BNHM6027 Bach Remedies for Mental Health 6 BNHM6022 Iridology 6 Total credits for trimester: 18 credits THIRD TRIMESTER CODE **TOPIC CREDITS** BNHM6028 8 Su Jok Therapy BNHM6029 Naturopathic Sexology 8 BNHM6023 Nutrigenomics & Nutrigenetics 8 Total credits for trimester: 24 credits Total credits for year: 64 credits

### **CLINICAL PRACTICUM**

The Bachelor students will have an opportunity to study with Dr. Georgiou at the <u>Da Vinci Holistic Health Centre</u> and will be able to get hands-on training in all aspects of the holistic healing arts. This will be the student's opportunity to see the application of everything they have learned on real patients with real diseases.

There is also the flexibility of studying in other Holistic Centres closer to home, or anywhere in the world that the student chooses, but these Centers must be assessed by us before being certified to accept students.

### **DISSERTATION**

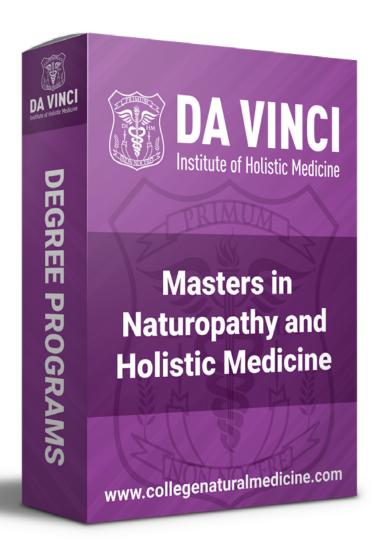
There is a minimum 100-page (30,000 word) dissertation required for the Bachelor of Science in Holistic Medicine.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

If you are interested in applying, click the APPLY NOW button below and download and complete the <u>Application Form</u> and send it back to us along with your C.V and resume. We will assess your previous education and revert with an <u>Enrolment Agreement</u> detailing the courses you would be required to complete for your degree, and those that you would receive an exemption for.



# DEGREE PROGRAMS Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine



The Master's curriculum below is for degree students taking the Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (M.N.H.M) and is designed to be completed in approximately one year, but up to 2 years are allowed.

It is divided into 3 Trimesters – with a total of 50 US Credits or 750 clock hours equivalent. Each trimester is 12 weeks.

The degree is awarded by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine of the University of America, USA.

The Master's degree program is ideal for graduates that already possess a Bachelor's degree and want to go on to complete the Doctorate, via the short stepping-stone Master's degree.

If you are interested in applying, download and complete the <u>Application Form</u> and send it back to us along with your C.V or resume and transcripts.

We will assess your previous education and revert with an <u>Enrolment</u> <u>Agreement</u> detailing the courses you would be required to complete for your degree, and those that you would receive an exemption for.

# Master's curriculum

FIRST YEAR		
FIRST TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
MNHM7009	Master's Dissertation – 150 pages mini- mum	10
MNHM7001	Clinical Orthopedic & Manual	
	Osteopathic Medicine – Part 1	4
MNHM7011	Research Methodology &	
	Biostatistics – Part 2	4
	Total credits for the trimester:	18 credits
SECOND TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
MNHM6024	Naturopathic Treatment of Gallstones	4
MNHM7004	Naturopathic Treatment of Skin Diseases – Part 1	4
MNHM7006	Naturopathic Chiropractic	4
MNHM7008	Naturopathic Gastroenterology – Part 1	4
MNHM7012	Human Energy Fields	4
	Total credit for trimester:	20 credits
THIRD TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
MNHM7005	Naturopathic Treatment of Skin Diseases – Part 2	4
MNHM7010	Naturopathic Gastroenterology – Part 2	4
MNM7003	Naturopathic Approach to Mental Health	4
	Total credits for trimester:	12 credits

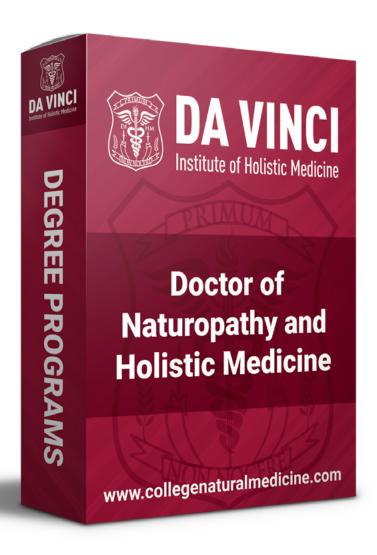
If you are interested in applying, click the <u>APPLY NOW</u> button below and download and complete the Application Form and send it back to us with your C.V or resume. We will assess your previous experiences and revert with an <u>Enrolment Agreement</u> detailing the courses you would be required to complete, and those that you would receive an exemption.

**Note:** Students who have a Bachelors, Masters, or other professional degree such as Osteopathy, Chiropractic or Medical, or equivalent can apply directly for the Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine.

An Enrolment Agreement will be sent after careful examination of the courses covered by the student, and some prerequisite courses will be added based on the background education of the applicant.



# DEGREE PROGRAMS Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine



The Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (D.N.H.M) is designed to be completed in approximately 2 years, with a maximum of 3 years allowed – see Doctoral curriculum below.

Each year is divided into 3 Trimesters – with a total of 100 US Credits. Each trimester is 12 weeks.

The Doctorate is ideal for graduates having a Bachelor's/Master's degree in an appropriate topic, or qualified medical doctors, chiropractors, osteopaths and nurses with a Master's degree or similar qualifications wishing to embrace the concept of Holistic Medicine.

The Doctorate is awarded by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America, USA.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

If you are interested in applying, download the <u>Application Form</u> and send it back to us with your C.V or resume and transcripts. We will assess your previous experiences and revert with an Enrolment Agreement detailing the courses you would be required to complete, and those that you would receive an exemption for.

# **Doctoral Curriculum**

FIRST YEAR		
FIRST TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
DNHM8018	Research Methods and BioStatistics	
	Part 3	5
DNHM8020	Doctoral Thesis	10
DNHM8017	Naturopathic Oncology – Part 1	5
	Total credits:	20 credits
SECOND TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
DNHM8003	Nutritional Microscopy – Part 1	5
DNHM8004	Nutritional Microscopy – Part 2	5
DNHM8001	Naturopathic Gastroenterology – Pt 3	5
DNHM8002	Naturopathic Oncology – Part 2	5
	Total credits:	20 credits
THIRD TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
DNHM8007	Professional Practice & Legal Issues	2
DNHM8008	Naturopathic Endocrinology	
	Part 1	5
DNHM8009	Naturopathic Endocrinology	
	Part 2	5
DNHM8012	Naturopathic Treatments of	
	Autoimmune Diseases – Part 1	5
	Total credits:	17 credits

SECOND YEAR		
FIRST TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
DNHM8013	Naturopathic Treatments of	
	Autoimmune Diseases – Part 2	5
DNHM8014	Physical Therapy/Massage Part 1	5
DNHM8015	Physical Therapy/Massage Part 2	5
		15 credits
SECOND TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
DNHM8010	Naturopathic Treatments of	
	Osteoarthritis	4
DNHM8011	Naturopathic Treatments of	
	Fibroamyalgia	4
DNHM8016	Naturopathic Treatments of Microorganisms	4
		12 credits
THIRD TRIMESTER		
CODE	TOPIC	CREDITS
DNHM8005	Energy Medicine & Bioresonance	
	Part 1	5
DNHM8006	Energy Medicine & Bioresonance	
	Part 2	5
DNHM8020	Holistic Energy Psychology	6
	Total credits:	16 credits

THIRD YEAR	
Continuation of Doctoral Thesis (if required)	
Total credits:	100 credits

### **CLINICAL PRACTICUM**

It is not possible for a Naturopath to qualify only by online study – it is critically important to work in a clinical setting under the supervision of a qualified Naturopath or Holistic Medicine practitioner.

Postgraduate students will have an opportunity to study with Dr. Georgiou at the <u>DaVinci Holistic Health Centre</u> and will be able to get hands-on training in all aspects of the holistic healing arts. This will be the student's opportunity to see the application of everything they have learned on real patients with real diseases.

Students can also approach any Naturopathic or Holistic Medicine center in their country and ask to be mentored and supervised by a qualified Naturopath. Guidelines are provided how to monitor clinical hours which become part of the student's transcript.

### DISSERTATION

The Doctoral dissertation should be a lot more in-depth than the Bachelors or Masters dissertation, even though it is often possible to carry-over the same research topic. We encourage students to begin formulating a research proposal from the first year, first trimester, after completing the Research Methodology and Biostatistics course.

Your supervisor will help you to put your ideas into the correct research methodology from the beginning so that your research results can be published in a peer-review journal. Theoretically, there are no limitations to the topic your can study, assuming that it is feasible to implement within the time frames allowed.

The completed Doctoral dissertation should be a minimum of 320 pages.







# **Prof. George J Georgiou**

Ph.D., N.D., D.Sc (AM)., M.Sc., B.Sc., C. Psychol., AFBPsS., C.Biol., MSB., FAACS., ABS., ACS., Diplon., M.H., AMH., GCRN., MRNI., FBIH.



Prof. George Georgiou is the Founder Director of the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine as well as the Founder Director of the <u>Da Vinci Holistic Health Center</u>, a cutting-edge holistic centre specializing in the treatment of chronic diseases. He has been a clinician for over 40 years.

Prof. George Georgiou, born 14th December 1956, has been educating himself for over 25 yearsn at various universities and colleges around the world.

Specifically, he has a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) honours degree in Biology/Psychology from Oxford Brook's University, Oxford, England, a Master's of Science degree (M.Sc) in Clinical Psychology from the University of Surrey,

Guildford, England, a Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D). in Clinical Sexology from The Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, San Francisco, USA.

He is an honorary adjunct Professor of the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America, USA, with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree. He also holds a Doctor of Science (D.Sc) degree in Alternative Medicine from the International Open University of Alternative Medicine – his main research interests are studying the use of natural compounds in the detoxification of heavy metals (inventor of  $HMD^{TM}$ ), oral immunotherapy for chronic diseases and finding novel approaches to eradicate microorganisms and various cancers using bioresonance.

He also has diplomas and degrees (all with distinction) in Clinical Nutrition (Dip. ION) from the Institute of Optimum Nutrition (ION), London, England; diplomas in Naturopathy, Medical Herbalism (M.H.) and Iridology (R.Ir.,MRNI) from the Holistic Health College, London, UK; and a Diploma in Electronic Impulse Therapy (Dip.E.I.Th) from the Euro College of Complementary Medicine, UK. He has also been awarded a Diploma in Homeopathic Medicine (DIHom.) from the British Institute of Homeopathy, Middlesex, England. He has a Licentiate Diploma in Chinese Acupuncture (L.Dip.Ac.,aM.A.C.Ac.-TCMI) from the College of Oriental Medicine, UK and the Cyprus Acupuncture Institute; and is a qualified Su Jok Acupuncturist. He is also a Hellinger Family Constellations facilitator.

Prof. George Georgiou has also been a clinician most of his life and is the Director of the Da Vinci Holistic Health Centre in Larnaca, Cyprus which specialises in many aspects of Holistic Medicine such as naturopathy, herbal medicine, thermography, colon hydrotherapy, iridology/sclerology, homeopathy, VEGA allergy testing, Bioresonance therapy, Live Blood Analysis, Biological Terrain Analysis, Rife technology, PAPIMI, Hyperthermia, Infrared and ozone sauna, MRT, HRV, ART, Orgone Accumulator, Psychotherapy and Naturopathic Sexology and others.

The Da Vinci Holistic Health Centre specializes in the treatment of chronic diseases, heavy metal toxicity and Candidiasis, along with many other health problems. His patients come from all walks of life with more than half his patient population coming from abroad.

On the research front, which is one of his loves, he has been the Principal Investigator for the World Health Organization in studies on AIDS and Drug Use, as well as other research involving alcoholism, drug abuse and sexual dysfunctions. He is also the Director and Founder of the Da Vinci BioSciences Research Centre, equipped with a PE 3000XL Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES) and a PSA Mercury Analyzer for research in heavy metal toxicity and detoxification, as well as two Zeiss research microscopes and a complete microbiology lab setup. His research has

led him to develop a unique, natural heavy metal detox agent that has been thoroughly tested using a a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial with 350 people – he is the IP rights owner of this discovery which is called HMD™ (www.detoxmetals.com). He has also found natural remedies for curing MRSA and Borrelia, and is now working at eradicating cancer cell lines using bioresonance.

He has lectured to Masters students in Psychology at an external campus for Indiana University, USA, and has been a prolific writer of health articles for the general public. He has written 23 books and had his own radio program for 2 years entitled Human Sexuality on the island of Cyprus, and is the Editor for the chapter on Cyprus in the International Encyclopedia of Sexuality, Volume 4.

This wealth of knowledge and clinical experience is now being transformed into the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine, of which Dr. Georgiou is the Academic Director. There are Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine, accredited by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America, USA.

Wearing other hats, he has also been an Aviation Consultant/Human Factors (Aeronautical Medicine) and Crew Resource Management Program Developer and Facilitator Trainer (Crew safety) for a number of years to Cyprus Airways and EuroCypria Airlines, given that he is also a keen Private Pilot himself

On a professional front, he is a Member of the following Associations/Institutes:

- ✓ Member of the Society of Biology, UK (MSB)
- ✓ Chartered Biologist, UK (C. Biol)
- ✓ The Royal Microscopy Society, UK
- ✓ The General Council and Register of Naturopaths, UK (GCRN)
- ✓ The Register of Naturopathic Iridologists, UK (M.R.N.I.)
- ✓ The British Association of Nutritional Therapists, UK (BANT)
- ✓ The Association of Master Herbalists, UK. (AMH)
- ✓ Fellow of the British Institute of Homeopathy, UK (FBIH)
- ✓ The American College of Clinical Thermology, USA
- ✓ The International Su Jok Therapy Association, Russia
- ✓ The Institute of Complementary Medicine, UK (ICM)
- ✓ Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, UK (AFBPsS)
- ✓ Chartered Psychologist, UK, BPS (C.Psychol)
- ✓ Registered Clinical Psychologist, Health Professions Council, UK
- ✓ Diplomate of the American Board of Sexology, USA (ABS)
- ✓ Registered Sex Therapist with ABS, USA
- ✓ The American College of Sexologists, USA (ACS) Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Sexologists, USA (FAACS)
- ✓ The World Association for Sexology (WAS), USA

Dr. Georgiou is married to Maria, a Psychotherapist/Lecturer and has 4 children aged between 22 and 35 years, along with 3 grandchildren. His hobbies and interests include flying a private plane, classic antique car restoration, antique furniture restoration, horology, web master, researcher and author of 23 books, supplement formulation, travelling and a family life.

## **Prof. Bryan Marcia**



Bryan K. Marcia earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Iridology from the University of Health Sciences (Accredited) – Honolulu, Hawaii December 15th, 1994. He took classes from UHS Faculty Director Dr. Bernard Jensen with Dr. Donald Bodeen as his Core Faculty Advisor.

Bryan K. Marcia, Ph.D. was founder and director of Canadian Neuro-Optic Research Institute from 1995-2010 while living in Canada. Bryan lectured as

an Associate Professor in the Department of Natural Medicine at Capital University of Integrative Medicine in Washington, DC, USA from 2000-2006 and was awarded Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Natural Medicine on June, 2006.

### **Career Objectives**

To build and support the international health and medical communities by offering educational opportunities in iridological training and iridodiagnostic research services. To promote health and well-being for all people through education, research, service and public awareness through the utilization of the Iridological analysis sciences. Sustain excellence in iridology education, research and development by fostering public awareness of health and disseminate scientific information through publications, faculty colloquium, education course development and fellowship with other Iridological Institutions throughout the world.

### **Education**

- ✓ University of Health Science, Honolulu, HI., Doctor of Philosophy in Iridology December 15, 1994C
- ✓ Concentrations: Computerized Iridology Analysis Research and Development
- ✓ Doctoral Dissertation: The Development of Computerized Iridology Analysis Reports for Public Health Education

#### **Publications & Research**

- ✓ Capital University of Integrative Medicine(CUIM): Iridodiagnostic Evaluation Study; 2002-2003. Evaluation of iris analysis study at Capital University of Integrative Medicine, Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Computers and Iridology: 1997-2003 Topic: Advantages of computer iridodiagnostic technologies over previous versions of iridological examinations used at Canadian Neuro-Optic Research Institute.

- ✓ Genetic Features of the Iris; 2003; Genetic factors central to Iridology.
- ✓ Diagnostic Research & 3-D Spectrography; 2000-Current. Using spectrum plot windows to display the mean spectrum for the file associated with the displayed image.
- ✓ Hospital Physician November Issue; Review of Clinical Signs; Clinical reference;
   2001: Ocular Signs of Hyperlipidemia by Frank L. Urbano, MD.
- ✓ Iris Pigments, 1996 Clinical Manual
- ✓ Fundamental Signs of the Collarette , 1996 Clinical Manual
- ✓ The Autonomic Nerve Wreath; 2000
- ✓ Iridodiagnostic Exam Procedures; 2000
- ✓ Integrative Iridology Chart; 2000
- ✓ Conjunctiva Signs; 2000
- ✓ Constitutional Classification Via the Eye, 1996
- ✓ Heterochromias of the Iris; 2001– Structural Signs of the Iris; 2001
- ✓ Toxic Dystrophic Signs in the Iris; 2001
- ✓ Adaptive Rings and Arcs; 2001
- ✓ Pigment Spots in the Iris; 1998
- ✓ Pupils and Pupillary Symptoms; 2000
- ✓ Integrative Iridology Professional, 2000-Ongoing Educational Software
- ✓ Health is in the Eye of the Beholder? Discovery Channel Review 1998
- ✓ Eye on Iridology ePublications, 1996-2010. Quarterly Publication Numerous research articles
- ✓ Current: Development of iridodiagnostic software for integrated healing arts.

# **Dr Ralph Wilson**



**Dr. Ralph Wilson** is an active tutor for the Naturopathic Medicine (NM401) and the NM402 courses. He is also an active advocate for widespread study of the many aspects of natural medicine.

Below follows a brief biography of his many achievments:

**Type of Practice** Functional Medicine, Energy Medicine, Therapeutic Education to support the natural self-healing power (called the *Vis medicatrix naturae*).

**Licenses**: Naturopathic Physician: Washington DC, USA.

### **Academic Enrollments** (most recent first):

- ✓ Academy of Functional Medicine, Dentistry and Psychology (www. AcademyOfFunctionalMedicine.com). Currently.
- ✓ Capital University of Integrative Medicine (www.CUIM.edu). Audited classes 2002-2004
- ✓ Bastyr University (www.Bastyr.edu). Naturopathic Physician, 1989. MS Acupuncture, 1995. Certificate Spirituality, Health & Medicine, 2000.
- ✓ University of Michigan Medical School (www.med.umich.edu/medschool/) Enrolled 1970 in Class of 1974 for doctorate in medicine. Took leave of absence after successfully completing the first year of school and ended up going on what became his personal journey of healing.
- ✓ US Air Force Academy (www.USAFA.af.mil) Graduation 1969. Bachelor of Science degree; Two Majors: Basic Science and Life Sciences (pre-medicine). Senior year project: Algae as Oxygen Generation Source in a Closed Environment (for living in space or on the Moon). Dr. Wilson

### **Educator Experience**:

- ✓ Adjunct Faculty: Bastyr University
- ✓ Clinical Laboratory Procedures (incl. IV therapy, neural therapy): 2000
- ✓ Physical Examination: 1996-1998
- ✓ Adjunct Faculty: Capital University of Integrative Medicine
- ✓ Iridology: 2002-2004
- ✓ Adjunct Faculty: Washington Institute of Natural Medicine's associated school
- ✓ Classical Homeopathy clinical practice review supervisor: 2008
- ✓ Academic Planning Committee: The DaVinci College of Holistic Medicine, Larnaca, Cyprus. 2003-present.

### Associations — Member:

✓ International Association for Biologically Closed Electric Circuits in Medicine and Biology: IABC. Formed in 1993 by Bjorn Nordenstrom, M.D. (www.IABC.readywebsites.com)

- ✓ Canadian Neuro-Optic Research Institute: Board of Directors. (www.CNRl.edu)
- ✓ Institute of Noetic Sciences (www.Noetic.org)

### **Associations** — Not Currently Dues-Paying Member:

- ✓ American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (www.Naturopathic.org)
- ✓ Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians (www.WANP.org)
- ✓ Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback (www.AAPB.org)
- ✓ Oncology Association of Naturopathic Physicians: (www.ONCANP.org)
- ✓ National Capital Lyme Support Group (www.NatCapLyme.org)
- ✓ Center for Frontier Sciences (www.Temple.edu/CFS)
- ✓ Int'l Society for the Study of Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine (www.issseem. org)
- ✓ Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology (www.EnergyPsych.org)
- ✓ DC Area Guild of Body Psychotherapists (www.BodyPsychotherapy.org)
- ✓ International Iridology Practitioners Association (www.IridologyAssn.org)
- ✓ Mensa (www.Mensa.org) Joined in 1982.

### **Independent Study Currently Underway**:

✓ Ph.D. in Energy Medicine. Thesis: "Human Energy Anatomy: Scientific Groundwork for Clinical Practice." (2007 to present)

### Selected Workshops Produced or Assisted:

- ✓ Vibrational Medicine Seminar (1989): Richard Gerber, M.D.; Jacques Benveniste, M.D.; Jacqueline Wilson, N.D.; Robert Milne, M.D.; Tom Kruzel, N.D.; Mitchell Stargrove, N.D.; Jane Heimlich. Produced w/ help of Burton Goldberg, who spoke at the banquet.
- ✓ Dental and Health Interactions: 1) Scientific Symposia (1990s). Featuring Hal Huggins, DDS; Mark Gignac, ND and others. 2) DAMS coordinator, planned guest speakers (1990s).
- ✓ Well Mind Association Conferences (1990s).
- ✓ Autonomic Response Testing, Applied Psycho-Neurobiology: NIHA, Washington DC 2004 onward
- ✓ Cranial Bio-Dynamics workshop: Craniosacral Therapy & integrative medicine. 1988-onward

### Selected Learning Experiences and Workshops Attended:

- ✓ Neuro Science, Inc.: Educational presentations. 2010. [www.NeuroScienceInc. com]
- ✓ Integrative Homeopathy:
- ✓ Hahnemann College for Heilkunst & Homeopathy (www.Homeopathy.com)
- ✓ Enrolled for the DHHP diploma (Doctor of Homeopathy & Heilkunst Practice). Withdrew for financial reasons 2009
- ✓ Autism Support: Collaborations with Andrew Moulden, M.D. 2008. www.BrainGuardMD. com

- ✓ Certificate in Post-Combat Behavioral Health. Support for veterans. www.giveanhour.org
- ✓ American Academy of Neural Therapy, Workshops: Dietrich Klinghardt, M.D., Ph.D.
- ✓ Autonomic Response Testing I, and II:
- ✓ Applied Psycho-Neurobiology I and II
- ✓ Healing the Brain 2000 and 2008
- ✓ Autism 2008 Now: www.KlinghardtNeurobiology.com
- ✓ Hypnotherapy training:
- ✓ Evergreen Center Institute, Seattle: 1983.
- ✓ Bastyr University, Seattle: 1988.
- ✓ Hypnosis Motivation Institute, Online: 2007-2009.
- ✓ Family Constellation Work Workshops: Multiple events, 2000-2009.
- ✓ Darkfield Microscopy: Capital University of Integrative Medicine, Dr. Robert Bradford.
- ✓ Met the "Microscopy Blood Assessment Training and Certification requirements for the International Metabolic Research And Development Project, 2005."
- ✓ EAV/EDS: Vegatest training (1988), and Computron training workshops, 1987-1994.
- ✓ SCENAR training: John Hache, N.D. 2002.
- ✓ Tennant Biomodulator (SCENAR technology): www.senergymedicalgroup.com 2004-2008.
- ✓ PAPIMI: Pulsed Electro-Magnetic Field Therapy certification. 2001.
- ✓ Auriculotherapy: needle-free ear acupuncture point therapy. Michael Adams. 1990s.
- ✓ Body psychotherapy workshop, "Pelvic-Heart Integration" with Jack Painter, 2005.
- ✓ Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT). Klinghardt's Mental Field Therapy.
- ✓ Craniosacral Therapy (Upledger style); Cranial Fluid Dynamics (Solihin Thom, D.O.)
- ✓ Integrating Dentistry and Medicine: Hal Huggins, DDS, M.S. 1994.
- ✓ Past President, the Association of Health and Dental Awareness Professionals. 2004.
- ✓ Developmental Movement Therapy: Treating neural dis-integration from trauma. 1992-1998.
- ✓ Acupuncture: China study (two months, 1993). Nine-day preceptorship on mountain w/ Taoist temple physician. Made presentations on dental mercury dangers, Cranio-Sacral therapy.
- ✓ Eagle Mountain Lodge training and First Nations experiences; including Carole Conlon, founder of www.AyniLifeweaving.com: Gave appreciation for shamanic wisdom. 1990s.
- ✓ Fetzer Foundation Dedication: Met Richard Gerber and others in energy medicine. 1988.

### Dr. Philip Choy B.Sc., D.Sc.(NM), ND, DO



- President of HK Academy of Naturopathy
- ✓ Naturopathic Physician (ANMCB, USA)
- ✓ Osteopath (OCO, Canada)
- ✓ Board Director of Asian Osteopathic Association
- √ Faculty member of Osteopathic College of Ontario
- ✓ Psych-K Facilitator (Preferred Affiliate)
- ✓ Fitgenes Certified Trainer (Australia)
- ✓ Clinical Nutritionist (NHI, PRC)
- ✓ Child Care Practitioner (MOLSS, PRC)
- ✓ Doctor of Natural Medicine
- ✓ Associate Professor of Wah Har College Institute of Complementary, Alternative
- ✓ Bioresonance Practitioner (Deta Elis Professional, UK)
- ✓ Bio-Science Director of Medisun Regenerative Medical Centre
- ✓ Advisor of Swiss Rejuvenation MaloClinic (2014)
- ✓ Professional Member of ANMA
- ✓ Associate Member of AANP

### **Dr Mark Sircus**



Dr. Mark Sircus is an active researcher and author in the field of natural medicine, or as he calls it "Natural Allopathic Medicine."

Dr Sircus is part of the Scientific Advisory and Research Development team of the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine.

Dr. Mark Sircus, one of the most prolific writers in medicine, holds the honorary title of doctor of Oriental medicine and was one of the first nationally certified acupuncturists in the United States. He was trained in acupuncture and

oriental medicine at the Institute of Traditional Medicine in Santa Fe, N.M., and in the School of Traditional Medicine of New England in Boston. He served at the Central Public Hospital of Pochutla, in Mexico.

For many years he has been researching into the human condition and into the causes of disease. His primary focus in recent years has been the study of environmental toxicity and iatrogenic diseases. He has written extensively on the poisons in the environment, in our foods, medicines and dental practices. Dr. Sircus is the director of the International Medical Veritas Association (IMVA), which is advocating radical changes in orthodox medicine. His research and writings bring forth information that others wish to be hidden and he is without doubt "a flame of wonderful insight" and many are thankful for his wisdom and courage. Some people think him a genius in his own right and "his methods of attacking chronic disease beautiful and to the point."

His work Natural Allopathic Medicine represents a revolution in medical thinking laying the groundwork for a future of medicine free from the poisonous rein of pharmaceutical companies. He envisions a future for medicine that is rational, effective and safe.

When one reads one of his numerous medical books one can see his discipline and regard for medical science. Though his works are heavily referenced to researchers and clinicians from around the globe the layperson finds little difficulty in understanding his presentation of medical topics.

Dr. Sircus has distilled many of the divergent medical systems and paradigms to an essence that provides a roadmap toward a unified medicine that can be practiced by allopath and non allopath alike. He sees the restoration of the Hippocratic spirit in medicine as vital for he feels that without heart, without love medicine will never serve humanity as it desperately needs to be served.

### Dr Maria Georgiou B.A.,M.A.,Ph.D



Dr Maria Georgiou qualified in Psychology (B.A.), Clinical Psychology (M.A) and has a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Durham University, UK.

She is also a qualified and registered psychotherapist, mainly using a client-centered approach as well as counsellor to any students who may require psychological and emotional support.

She is also an accredited Psychotherapist of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and has been

awarded the European Certificate of Psychotherapy and is a Chartered Psychologist of the British Psychological Society.

Dr Maria Georgiou is presently the tutor for the Psychology courses, as well as a counsellor to any students who may require psychological and emotional support. She is also a part-time lecturer in psychology at the University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus.

In addition, she is responsible for the background administrative duties of the college that involve academic policy decisions. She is also part of the Doctoral Thesis committee.

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- 1. Georgiou, M., & Meins, E. (2010). Relations between peer attachment, self-esteem and perceived parental bonding in Cypriot and British young adults. Cyprus Review. Vol. 22, 1, pp 61-67.
- 2. Georgiou, M. 2014. The Brief Systemic Dialogical Therapy Approach (BSDT) in Person-Centered Psychotherapy: new life stories in the process of "becoming". Proceedings (RX30) of the Joint WPA-INA-HSAPRS Congress (30 October, Athens)
- Constandinou, C., Georgiou, M. & Perdikogianni, M. 2017 A Comparative Method for Themes Saturation (COMETS) in Qualitative Interviews. Qualitative Research. 1-17 DOI: 10.1177/1468794116686650
- 4. Constandinou, C., Georgiou, M. & Perdikogianni, M. Medical students' attitudes and beliefs towards psychotherapy: A mixed research methods study. Behavioral Sciences Journal, 7, 55, 2017.
- 5. Georgiou, M. Relations between Peer Attachment and perceived parental bonding in Cypriot and British young Adults. Conference for Developmental Psychology organized by The British Psychological Society. University of Edinburgh, UK. Poster Presentation. Sept 2005.

### Dr. Ajufo Benjamin Chukwunonso

AMLSCN, HMD, MPC, Ph.D (AM), IPA, FAISM



- ✓ Fellow African Institute Of Strategic Managers 2019
- ✓ IBAM Academy, Kolkata, India 2011-2017
- ✓ Federal College of Veterinary & Medical Laboratory Science NVRI Vom, Plateau State 1998-2000
- ✓ School of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin City – 1995-1998
- ✓ Nnobi Boys Community Secondary School, Nnobi, Anambra State – 1992-1993
- ✓ Christ the king Seminary Nnobi, Anambra State 1986-1992
- ✓ Umejei Primary School, Igbuzo, Delta State 1980-1986

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- ✓ FELLOW, AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC MANAGERS 2019
- ✓ PhD Alternative Medicine Ph.D (AM) 2016-2017
- ✓ Masters In Psychotherapy & Counseling (MPC India) 2013-2015
- ✓ Doctor of Holistic Medicine (HMD) 2011-2013
- ✓ Associate Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (AMLSCN CHEMPATH 2000) – 2000
- ✓ Certificate Poultry Production & Management 2000
- ✓ Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) 1992/1993
- ✓ First School Leaving Certificate 1986

#### **MEMBERSHIP & CERTIFICATION**

- ✓ Fellow African Institute of Strategic Managers
- ✓ Member Association of Medical Laboratory Scientist of Nigeria.
- ✓ Registered Life Member Indian Board Of Alternative Medicine, Kolkata India.
- ✓ Registered/Licensed Medical Practitioner (RMP) Government of West Bengal India.
- ✓ Registered/Licensed Associate Member Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria
- ✓ Registered/Licensed General Practitioner/Physician of Traditional Medicine by Delta State Traditional Medicine Board Nigeria.
- ✓ Registered Traditional Medicine Practitioner (RTMP) Nigeria.

#### **AWARDS**

- ✓ Fellow, African Institute of Strategic Managers, 2019
- ✓ Integrity in Professionalism Award (IPA) winner Selected from the Nigerian Health Sector by Institute of Human & Natural Resources, Abuja 2017
- ✓ Igbuzo Modern Town Developer Award by Igbuzo Media Practitioners, 2015
- ✓ Indian Board of Alternative Medicine Health Excellence Award Winner, 2014

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- ✓ Has over 25 publications on Health Matters.
- ✓ He is the tutor of the Intro to Medical Diagnostics Lab and other courses.

### Joanna Georgiou B.A.,M.A

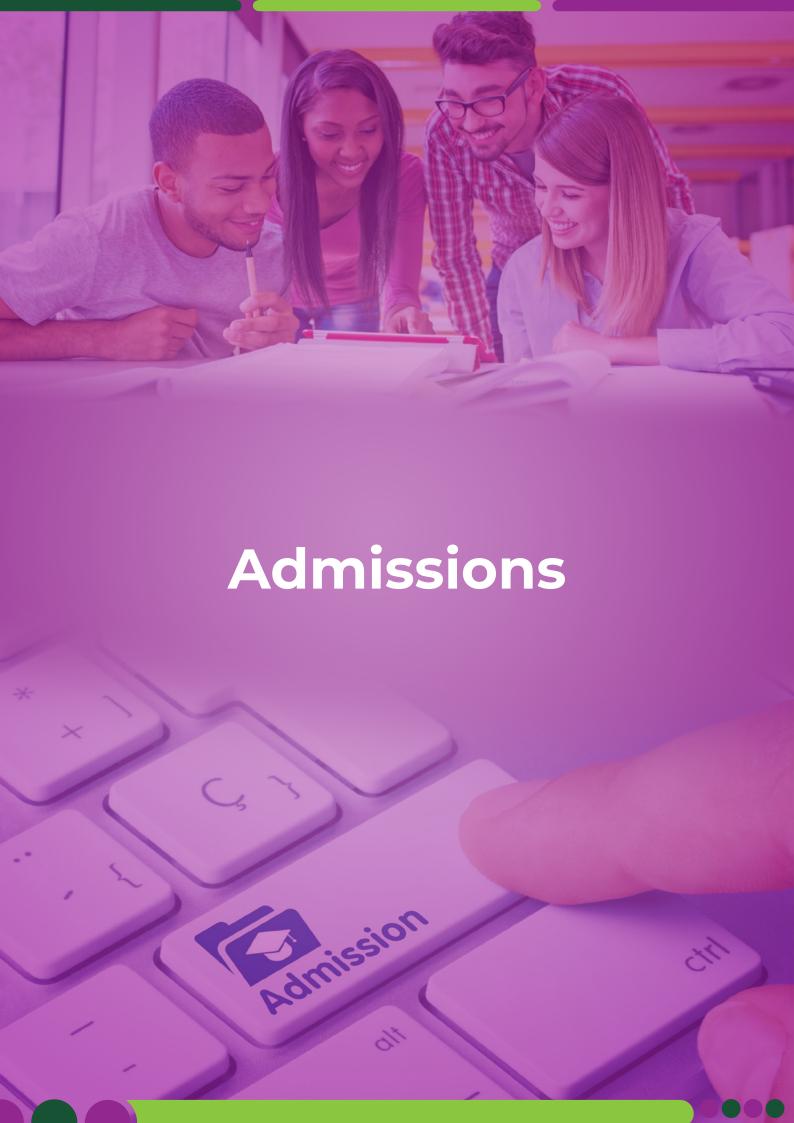


Joanna trained as an educator and has taken on the important role of Administrative Director for the Da Vinci Institute and is responsible for the background administrative duties, as well as initial contact with students, problem-solving, setting up students courses online, and generally taking care of the day-to-day running of the Da Vinci Institute.

She also plays an important role in sending monthly motivational newsletters to students to keep them abreast with changes and developments.

She also maintains the Da Vinci Institute's websites and social media platforms.







Whether you are a school-leaver or a mature person who has not previously undertaken formal studies, the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine has something to offer everyone. There are many choices of study, depending on where your interests and ambitions lie.

We strongly believe in giving everyone a chance to study for a professional award, particularly if they are motivated to be part of the healing profession in order to truly help others. We are fully aware that there are people that due to unfortunate life circumstances have not had the opportunities that others may have had to pursue professional studies. We want to give everyone an equal chance to pursue their life goals and prove themselves.

The only requirement that is compulsory before being admitted is that your level of English is at a good level to be able to read, write and speak at a reasonable level of understanding.

Once the courses begin, we will also quickly understand your level of comprehension from your ability to pass the quizzes, assignments, and examinations for each course. So far, we have been very impressed with most of our students, even those that had no previous formal education.

There are also potential students at the other end of the spectrum who already have a considerable amount of college and university education but want to add or obtain qualifications in the healing professions – these people are also welcome.

### Student Evaluations for Bachelor, Masters and Doctor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine

In order to properly evaluate these students, we ask to see their Curriculum Vitae (C.V) or resume, along with transcripts from colleges and universities you have completed. This enables us to properly evaluate the path that your studies should take, as well as finding out whether you have already taken courses that we can exempt you from – this way you complete your professional studies in less time and with less expense, so it is important to go through this evaluation process thoroughly.

A good starting point is to scan in and email us your diplomas, certificates, degrees, C.V. and work history to do a proper evaluation. We may also ask for transcripts if required, or other information at a later date. After assessing your life achievements we will reply with an **Enrolment Agreement** that will outline clearly what specific courses you will be required to complete, and which ones you will be exempted from.

If you are interested in applying, download the <u>Application Form</u> and send it back to us with your C.V or resume and transcripts. We will assess your previous experiences and revert with an Enrolment Agreement detailing the courses you would be required to complete, and those that you would receive an exemption for.



# Students Taking Stand-Alone Diploma Courses

Not all students will want to complete a professional award leading to the Bachelor, Master or Doctoral degrees – there will be others that simply want the challenge of taking a stand-alone Diploma course. These may be professional health practitioners who wish to expand their practice by adding a diagnostic or therapeutic modality such as Live Blood Analysis or Homeopathic Medicine. It may also be the lay-person who wants to learn more about the fascinating topic of Nutrition in order to help themselves and their families.

Students applying for the stand-alone Diploma courses do not need to be evaluated – they can simply subscribe and pay for their chosen course online using PayPal or a debit card.

#### WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

If you have decided that you only want to take one or two **Diploma Courses**, then simply click <u>HERE</u>

If you want to study for the **Bachelor of Science in Holistic Medicine**- BSc (HM), then click <u>HERE</u>

If you want to study for the **Master of Science in Holistic Medicine** - DSc (HM), then click <u>HERE</u>

If you want to study for the **Doctor of Science in Holistic Medicine** - DSc (HM), then click <u>HERE</u>

#### **Academic Policies**

Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine (DIHM) is committed to an education for all students which does not discriminate on the grounds of age, colour, culture, disability, ethnic origin, family responsibility, gender, educational background, length and type of work experiences, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or students with special needs.

We assure that we all (students and staff) have a duty to be more sensitive to these issues and that there is a requirement for us to reconsider the philosophy/approach and content of whole courses; individual modules; teaching and learning and assessment.

# Accreditation & Awarding Bodies



# Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine Affiliates with the University of America

The University of America is a recognized and internationally accredited higher education entity. Accredited by ASIC, ATHE/Ofqual recognized and EBMA UK/QAA listed and is authorized by the Florida Department of Education Commission on Independent Education to deliver online BSc/MSc/MBA/DBA/Ph.D/Ed.D degree programs globally as well as the State of CA BPPE.

The University of America is a chartered university accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education (MHE) and registered with the Higher Education Authority (HEA) under the Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013, Part IV, Section 20(h) and Statutory Instrument No. 25 of 2016, to grant bachelors, Masters, professional doctorate and PhD degrees at par with US regional accreditation.

University of America degrees are internationally accredited and recognised.

University of America validated degrees are evaluated as regionally accredited and fulfil the requirements by the U.S. states board of Naturopathic Medical Physicians and Oriental Medicine for licensure to practice as Naturopathic Physician, Homeopath and Acupuncturist in the U.S.

University of America degrees are valid for transfers to other universities and colleges and for work in every government, public and private sector worldwide.

The University of America is a prestigious international university whose mission is to provide top quality education to students throughout the world by combining both traditional teaching methods and state of the art distance-learning facilities.

The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine is Incorporated under the Companies Law Cap 112, Section 15 (1) Registered by Cyprus Government as a Limited Company Reg. No: HE356332.

The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine is operating in accordance with the objectives for which the school has been registered and approved by the Cyprus Government.

The University of America has chosen to adopt Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine as their Cyprus EU extension affiliate campus.

In addition, the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine have been granted the status of <u>Accredited Postsecondary Institution of IABSCU</u>, USA (International Accrediting Bureau for Schools, Colleges and Universities, USA), Reg. # 00020RAF040219CY.



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#### **Government of Curacao**

The University of America is licensed to operate by the Government of Curacao (License no: OFS 0649/2019) and gazetted in the official Curacao Commercial Register with no:150998 and is approved to award all academic degrees and titles by the Royal Charter granted to it by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Science, Culture & Sports, Curacao with Charter Zaaknr. 2019/38885.

### The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC)

The University of America is a member of The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC).

The Accreditation Agency Curacao (**AAC**) is a regional and international Accrediting Agency of Higher Education officially recognized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Government of Curacao. **AAC** is a member of The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), affiliate of **European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (**ENQA) and the US. CHEA CIQG.



### World Council and Register of Naturopaths, Osteopaths and Homeopaths

Students qualifying from the Da Vinci Institute with a degree issued by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America will receive a Worldwide recognition by being able to fully register in the worldwide database of the profession known as the World Council and Register of Naturopaths,

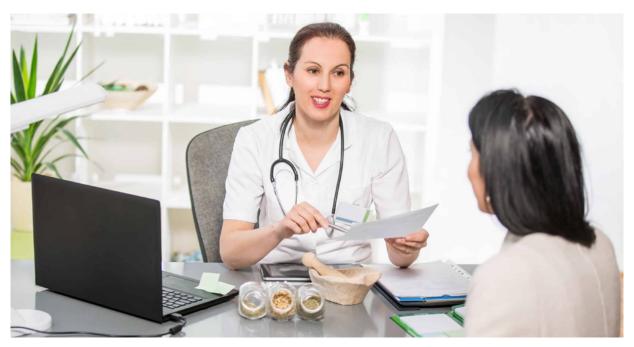
Osteopaths and Homeopaths after attending the World Conference on Natural Medicine and Holistic Health in the US or Curacao and defending their thesis.

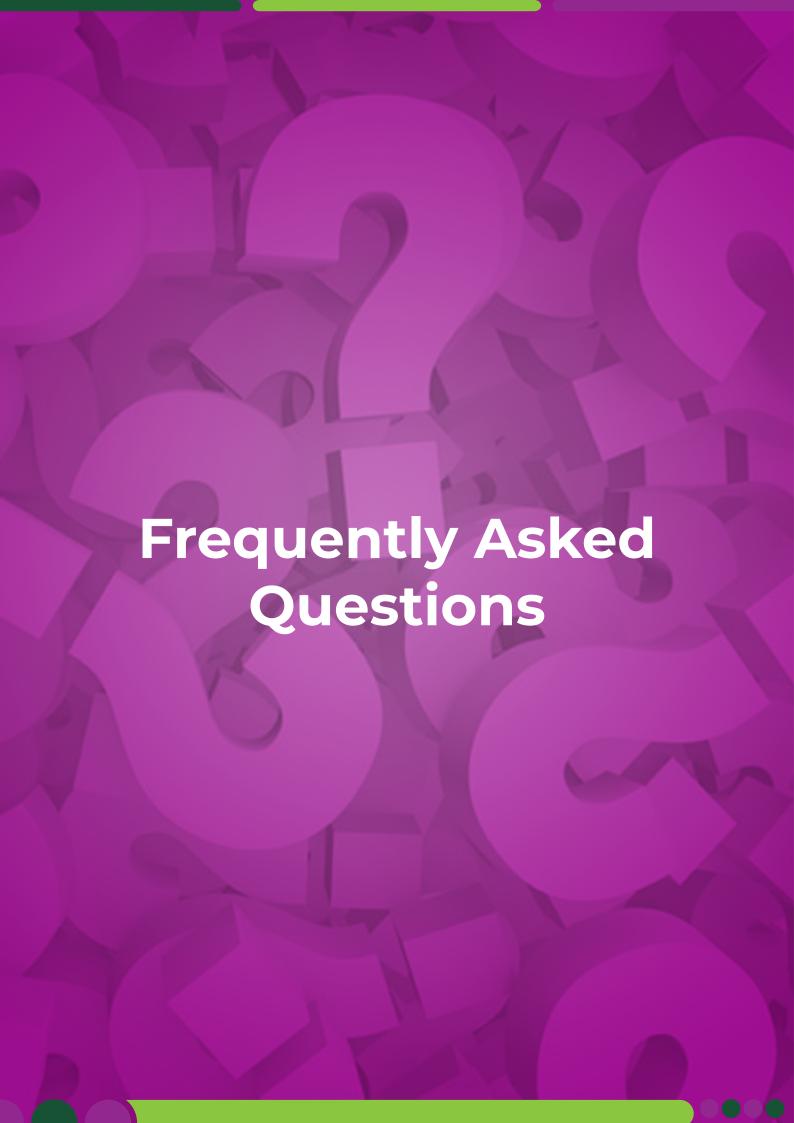
This would empower Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine, Cyprus to act as a training Center of UA that can transfer all the credits earned therefrom either from online, classroom or a blend of teaching methods, to earning a UA Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degree in Holistic Medicine, which includes but not limited to:

- ✓ Bachelor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (B.N.H.M).
- ✓ Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (M.N.H.M).
- ✓ Doctor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (D.N.H.M).

### **Right to Practice**

Given that students will have covered thousands of hours of study, along with clinical practice supervised by a qualified Naturopath, as well as completed a Dissertation, then there is no reason why they should not be accepted to one of the Naturopathic Associations in the country they wish to work in.





### **Admission Policy**

### 1) What is your Admissions Policy? How do I apply for admission? What are the requirements to apply?

If you are interested in applying, download the <u>Application Form</u> and send it back to us with your C.V or resume and transcripts. We will assess your previous experiences and revert with an Enrolment Agreement detailing the courses you would be required to complete, and those that you would receive an exemption for.

We will review this material and we will prepare an Enrolment Agreement detailing all the courses you would be required to complete for your degree, along with any exemptions you may have earned from previous education.

If you are applying for a stand-alone Diploma course, then there is no need to send any materials to us – simply enrol online for the Diploma Course you wish to study.

#### 2) Is there an Application Fee?

Yes, there is a 200 Euros Application Fee for each of the degree courses, but this is sent after you receive your Enrolment Agreement with notification of acceptance to the degree course, not with the Application Form.

# 3) I have a 3-year bachelor's degree from my country. Can I get admission to your Graduate School? Can I begin a Masters or Doctoral degree with this Bachelor's degree?

Yes, all this is evaluated during the Student Evaluation process and an Enrolment Agreement is returned to each student detailing the specific courses that are required to be taken, as well as those that you may be exempt from.

This process applies to all degrees – the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral level. We have many students from different countries with various degrees that can be transfer their credits to the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine.

Sometimes it may be necessary for some students to do some "top-up" courses that they may not have covered in their bachelor's degree, but all this is explained in the Enrolment Agreement sent after we receive the Application Form.

#### 4) Is being fluent in the English language a prerequisite to acceptance?

Generally, yes, as all the courses are conducted in English. This mainly applies to written English, as we are aware that many students working as naturopaths in their own country will be speaking in their own language. We do not stipulate passing English exams but leave it to the discretion of the student to decide whether their level of English is sufficient to cope with the course materials.

### **Tuition Fees and Payment**

### 1) Can I enrol and pay online?

Yes, you can simply enrol and pay online for all courses using our secure servers via PayPal or credit card. You may also make a bank transfer directly to our bank account in Cyprus.

### 2) How much does it cost to complete the Bachelor in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (B.N. HM) programme?

This Bachelors course comprises of 190 credits at €50 euros per credit, making a total of €9,500.

### 3) If I receive exemption credits for previous courses completed, will this amount be reduced?

Yes, you will only pay for credit hours you need to complete, no more. The amount quoted above is for the MAXIMUM number of credit hours (190 US credit hours).

### 4) Are there payment plans available?

Yes, there are a number of payment plans that suit most students. There are a number of ways to pay in order to make payment easy and seamless. Here are some of the choices:

#### 1. PAY-AS-YOU-GO

Simply pay for each course as you take them – pay-as-you-go! Each course will have a variable price depending on the number of credits it is worth. Simple payment with your credit card, PayPal or bank transfer (upon request).

#### 2. PAY EACH COURSE BY INSTALLMENT

It is also possible to pay for each course by 3 monthly instalments using PayPal or credit or debit card.

#### 3. MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Students can also set up a standing order with their bank to pay for ALL their courses on a monthly basis. If this payment method is of interest, we will work out the monthly payments for each student depending on the type of degree and the number of credits required. Once you know the amount, then it is easy to set up a standing order via your bank.

### 5) Is an initial deposit required when a student is accepted to a degree course?

Not compulsory! However, some students request that they pay a deposit to help reduce the monthly payments – this is also fine, and we can work with individual cases to see what is best for the student – we are flexible in order to facilitate the students which is our main focus.

#### 6) What is the cost of the Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (M.N.H.M)?

The Master's degree consists of 50 credits and each credit costs €130, making a total cost of €6,500.

### 7) What is the cost to complete the Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine – (D.N. H.M) programme?

The Doctoral degree consists of 100 credits at €100 per credit, making a total of €10,000. There are different payment plans available (see above).

#### 8) How do these costs compare with other online universities and colleges?

You may check it out yourselves by Googling various online colleges and universities – you will see that many undergraduate degree courses are charging about €10,000 or more per year, which makes a 3-year Bachelors course worth about €30,000 or more over the 3 years.

The Doctoral courses online at other universities can run from 35,000 – €50,000 or more before completion, which again is considerably much more expensive than our programmes.

The 8 Ivy league, full-time universities for studying Naturopathic Medicine doctorates (N.D.) will likely cost well over \$300,000 for a 4-year doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine, which is beyond the reach of most people.

We believe that for the quality and variety of educational material provided, that our costs are extremely reasonable. We need to cover costs but not to grossly profit from the student – our major aim is to educate Naturopaths and Holistic Medicine practitioners to a high standard around the globe.

#### 9) Do I have to pay all this amount immediately?

No! You simply pay for the courses that you take each trimester, in increments – its a "Pay-As-You-Go" type system.

There are other payment plans available to help the student pay for their courses gradually.

#### 10) Do you offer scholarships?

We unfortunately do not have the resources to offer scholarships at the moment, but we aim to do so in the future.

### **Credit Transfers**

These are some Frequently Asked Questions regarding transferring courses from other colleges to the Da Vinci Institute and obtaining exemptions for these, so they are not repeated.

# 1) I have a 3-year bachelor's degree from my country. Can I get admission to your Graduate School? Can I begin a Masters or Doctoral degree with this Bachelor's degree?

Yes, all this is evaluated during the Student Evaluation process and an <u>Enrolment</u> <u>Agreement</u> is returned to each student outlining the specific courses that are required to be taken, as well as those that you may be exempt from.

This process applies to both the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral level. We have many students from different countries with various degrees that can be transfer their credits to the Da Vinci Institute, if they are quality courses with the correct number of clock hours to fit our evaluation policy criteria.

Once the student sends their transcripts and degree certificates with their Application Form, we will filter this material and produce an Enrolment Agreement that will clearly state what exemptions the students are entitled to, and whether their application for the desired degree is successful.

Sometimes students with a bachelor's degree may be required to do some "top-up" courses that are a prerequisite before entering the Master's programme. Others may need some top-up courses for the Doctorate degree, but as each student varies, these conditions will be stipulated on the Enrolment Agreement that we send to the student after receiving the Application Form.

# 2) I have a couple of courses in natural medicine that I completed at other colleges. Can I get these transferred to the Da Vinci Institute, so I do not have to repeat them again?

Assuming that these courses are in-depth covering the required credits and clock hours of study time, then this should be fine. We would need to see a transcript for these courses.

### 3) I am a medical doctor interested in pursuing a Doctoral degree in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine. Is this possible?

Yes, there is a direct route for medical doctors to enter the Doctoral degree programme directly, without further courses, as they have already covered the biomedical sciences, anatomy, physiology, pathology, biochemistry and other courses that are prerequisites for the doctorate.

They would have to complete the 100 credit hours required, along with a dissertation to qualify, along with clinical practicums in Holistic medicine training centers around the world.

### **Degree Students**

### 1) How many credits do I require for the Bachelors in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (B.N.H.M)?

There are a total of 190 US credits that are required, in a blended model of learning consisting of online learning, video lectures, clinical practicum in holistic medicine training centers around the world, as well as a dissertation. This can be completed in 3 years, or up to a maximum of 4 years. This is equivalent to 2,850 clock hours of study.

### 2) How many credits would I require for the Masters in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (M.N.H.M)?

There are a total of 50 US credits that are required, in a blended model of learning consisting of online learning, video lectures, clinical practicum in holistic medicine training centers around the world, as well as a dissertation. This must be completed in one year, but a maximum of 2 years is allowed. This is equivalent to 750 clock hours of study.

### 3) How many credits would I require to complete the Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine (D.N. HM)?

There are a total of 100 US credits that are required, in a blended model of learning consisting of online learning, video lectures, clinical practicum in holistic medicine training centers around the world, as well as a dissertation. This can be completed in two years, with a maximum of 3 years. This is the equivalent of 1,500 clock hours of study.



### 4) I am a medical doctor and want to take the Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine. What courses would I need to cover?

Medical doctors have a direct path to the <u>Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine</u> as they have already completed the prerequisite biomedical, medical laboratory science, anatomy, physiology, pathology, biochemistry and the like.

However, given that there initial studies do not cover Naturopathy, they would need to complete the 100 credit hours required for the Doctorate, plus another 15 hours for prerequisite topics in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine that they would normally have taken at undergraduate level. This consists of a blend of online learning, video lectures, webinars, dissertation and clinical practicum in holistic medicine training centers around the world. In addition, they would still need to complete clinical training hours under the supervision of a qualified Naturopath.

### 5) Can chiropractors, osteopaths and naturopaths go directly to the Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine?

The general answer is "yes", but it depends on what courses they have covered and what exemptions they would receive when their <u>Enrolment Agreement</u> is created, based on the transcripts that they send us. Each of these CAM modalities will gain the relevant exemptions based on their existing educational background.

Basically, the chiropractors and osteopaths would follow a similar training to the medical doctors, as mentioned above. It is likely that the naturopath with an undergraduate degree would be able to complete the 100 credit hours required for the Doctorate.



### **Diploma Students**

# 1) I am not really interested in taking a Degree course but just want to do one or two of the Diploma courses as "bolt-on" tools for my existing practice. Is this possible?

Yes, absolutely! The distance learning Diploma Courses are stand-alone courses that can be taken by anyone interested in learning about individual modalities of Holistic Medicine. They are also ideal for existing practitioners of natural medicine who want to add another diagnostic or healing modality to their existing practice.

Once the final exams are completed for each Diploma, a Certificate will be issued from the Da Vinci Institute. You may see and enrol online for the Diploma courses <u>HERE</u>.

### 2) If I take a couple of your Diploma courses and then decide to continue with the degree course, would it be possible to transfer these over?

Yes, all our courses are transferrable to our degree courses, assuming that they are part of the curriculum for that particular degree. You would need to complete the <u>Application Form</u> and send us your C.V or resume, along with transcripts of your educational background. Once the credits for the Diploma courses and other relevant courses are assessed, then these exemption credits will go towards the degree course. We would send you an Enrolment Agreement detailing all the courses required for the completion of your chosen degree course.

### 3) What type of Diploma courses can I choose from? I do not want to take the full degree at present.

There are over 40 Diploma courses you can choose from and you can review these in detail under <u>DIPLOMA COURSES</u>.

#### 4) Are stand-alone Diploma courses all taken online?

Yes, there is no clinical practicum work required for the stand-alone diploma courses. The courses are rich in knowledge and would normally be taken as part of the degree courses, so are high-quality courses in themselves. Many are interactive with video lectures, there are online assignments and a final exam required for all Diploma courses.

#### 5) Are there examinations required for the Diploma courses?

Yes, after each lesson there are normally 10 assignment questions that are taken online and are timed. At the end of each course there is also a final exam that is taken online and is again timed. All the scores from the various lessons are recorded in your personal grade book and will account towards your final grade at the end. The grade is reflected on your final Diploma certificate which will be sent to your home address.

#### 6) Do I receive a Diploma Certificate after the completion of the diploma?

Yes, absolutely! You will be sent a signed and embossed Diploma Certificate with your grade on it, direct to your home address, wherever in the world you may be.

### **Clinical Training**

### 1) Will I be required to complete a number of hours of clinical work in order to qualify for my degree?

Yes, clinical practicums, consist of working hands-on in a holistic medicine center, with a qualified Naturopath is compulsory before a student can qualify for a degree in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine. The clinical practicum in holistic medicine centers is an important part of the learning process, where you will be in the presence of real patients presenting their health issues – it is here that you will have an opportunity of seeing how your vast theoretical knowledge is converted into diagnostic and therapeutic interventions to help your patients.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to use different diagnostic and therapeutic equipment that is often used in the field of holistic medicine and naturopathy, depending on the set-up of the individual center that you choose.

#### 2) Do I need to do my clinical practicums in specific countries around the world?

Ideally, initially coming to the <u>Da Vinci Holistic Health Center</u> in Larnaca, Cyprus would be the best experience as this is a purpose-built, cutting-edge centre that is fully equipped with diagnostic and therapy devices, as well as having its own herbal pharmacy and laboratory facilities where students can conduct empirical research. It is one of the best Holistic Centers in Europe and the Middle East. Dr Georgiou, the Founder of the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine will be your personal mentor throughout your stay, so your learning curve will be at right angles throughout!

Not all students can travel these days, so it is also possible to train at other naturopathic or holistic medicine centers in other parts of the world, or even in your locality. These centers would need to go through a "vetting" process with us in order to ascertain whether they are true learning centers, run by experienced practitioners. Many Naturopathic Associations around the world require a few hundred hours of clinical practice, and this is what we encourage our students to achieve. All these hours are recorded and will reflect on the student's transcript. This is imperative for being accepted to Naturopathic Associations in different countries.



#### 3) What are the number of clinical hours required for any of the degrees?

Basically, you should plan to cover a minimum of 400 hours of supervised, clinical practice in Naturopathic and Holistic centers around the world, for each degree. So, by the time you have completed the bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees you would have covered approximately 1,200 hours of clinical training under supervision. About 800 hours need to be with a qualified Naturopath, and the remaining hours can be with other natural and medical healing modalities such as a medical doctor, chiropractor, osteopath, energy healer, massage therapist, aromatherapist, herbalist, homeopath and the like.

### 4) Is there a fee for the clinical practicum?

This really depends on the Naturopathic Center that the student chooses, and is at the discretion of the supervising Naturopath. Some naturopaths are happy to supervise students at no cost, other charge for their time, while others are happy to have an exchange of services with the students that may entail writing up case studies, translating materials, writing new handouts etc. Please bear in mind that supervisors will be donating their time and equipment, as well as getting permission from patients for you to sit in, as well as spending time and effort discussing cases and answering questions.



### **Dissertation Requirements**

#### 1) What is required for the Bachelor's dissertation?

Bachelor's dissertations are generally shorter than Masters and Doctoral dissertations – 100 pages is the minimum requirement.

A topic of interest should be chosen and a thorough search of the literature pertinent to this topic must be made. Each Bachelor's student will be required to complete the Research Methods and Biostatistics – Part 1 course which will help the student begin structuring and writing the Bachelor's dissertation or thesis.

The goal is to illustrate the latest research findings in the chosen area of study, and to cover a critique of this literature, including the strengths and weaknesses of the research.

### 2) What is required for the Master's dissertation?

The Master's dissertation is usually longer than the Bachelors – 150 pages minimum.

It is usually an extension of the Bachelor's dissertation, going deeper and expanding into other avenues of research on your chosen topic. It is also possible to do some empirical research in a clinical setting or with private patients, or in a laboratory setting, or in the field using questionnaires and interviews with patients. It will really depend on the goals and objectives of your Master's dissertation or thesis.

Each Master's student will be required to complete the Research Methods and Biostatistics – Part 2 course which will help the student begin structuring and writing the Master's dissertation or thesis.



#### 3) What about the Doctoral dissertation – what is required?

This would be a minimum of 320 pages, but with innovative information or empirical research that is publishable in peer-reviewed journals.

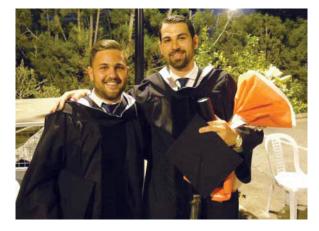
Before beginning your Doctoral dissertation, you will be required to take the compulsory course: Research Methodology and Biostatistics – Part 3, which is an important course that will help the student in the design of the study, using the correct methodology, as well as the literature review and critique, sample size and the statistical analysis and discussion and conclusions.

#### 4) What is the purpose of the Dissertation?

The purpose of the dissertation is to prepare the student to be a professional in the discipline. Through this preparation the student learns and demonstrates the ability to conduct independent, original, and significant research. The dissertation thus shows that the student is able to:

- ✓ identify and define problems
- ✓ generate questions and hypotheses
- ✓ review and summarize the literature
- √ apply appropriate methods
- ✓ collect data properly
- ✓ analyze and judge evidence
- √ discuss findings
- ✓ produce publishable results
- ✓ engage in a sustained piece of research or argument
- ✓ think and write critically and coherently

The Doctoral dissertation is an indication that you have a mastery of your topic and have been through a 5-year educational process, accumulating a huge knowledge-base in many topics of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine, that results in publishable research in peer-reviewed journals to be shared by other colleagues.



### **Accreditation**

#### 1) Are the degree courses in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine accredited?

The degree courses offered by the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine have been accredited by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America, USA, a prestigious university in California with a California and Florida Charter, Reg # 00020RAF040219CY.

The University of America is registered with the US. Department of Education/NCES and assigned the USDE federal recognition ID 475237.

All Degree certificates are awarded by the University of America. They have been granted the status of Accredited Postsecondary Institution of IABSCU, USA (International Accrediting Bureau for Schools, Colleges and Universities, USA), Reg. # 00020RAF040219CY.

In addition, the University is also accredited by ASIC, ATHE/Ofqual recognized and EBMA UK/QAA listed and is authorized by the Florida Department of Education Commission on Independent Education to deliver online BSc/MSc/MBA/DBA/Ph.D/ Ed.D degree programs globally as well as the State of CA BPPE.

In addition, the University of America is licensed to operate by the Government

of Curacao (License no: OFS 0649/2019) and gazetted in the official Curacao Commercial Register with no:150998 and is approved to award all academic degrees and titles by the Royal Charter granted to it by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Science, Culture & Sports, Curacao with Charter Zaaknr. 2019/38885.

The University of America is a member of The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC).

The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC) is a regional and international Accrediting Agency of Higher Education officially recognized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Government of Curacao. AAC is a member of The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), affiliate of European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and the US. CHEA CIQG.

#### 2) What role does the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine play?

The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine has worked tirelessly for over 10 years to construct high-calibre courses in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine. The Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine has the Intellectual Property rights for all these 50 courses.

The University of America has chosen to adopt the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine as their European extension affiliate campus.

This empowered the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine based in Europe, to act as a training center of the University of America, so that student's credits earned from the Da Vinci Institute courses and their blended teaching methods, can be transferred to the University of America so that students can earn accredited degrees at the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral levels in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine.

The final degree is awarded by the University of America, even though the teaching takes place on the Moodle educational platform of the Da Vinci Institute, along with clinical training at the Da Vinci Holistic Health Center or other training centers worldwide, along with research opportunities in a cutting-edge laboratory.

#### 3) Are these degrees and accreditation internationally recognised?

Generally, there is no International accreditation as different countries have their own rules and regulations regarding the practice of Naturopathy and holistic medicine, even though many countries have no laws or associations regulating these professions.

What is important after qualifying is that you can join a Naturopathic Association in your country that covers the practice of these professions.

The degrees are accredited by the University of America who has reviewed our courses and curriculum and decided that our standards are sufficient for them to issue the degree under their Charter.

#### 4) Will I be accepted to Naturopathic Associations in my country?

There is no reason why our degrees should not be accepted by the majority of naturopathic and holistic medicine associations around the world. Our students complete 190 US credits or 2,850 clock hours for the Bachelors, 50 US credits or 750 clock hours for the Masters and 100 US credits or 1,500 clock hours for the Doctoral degree using blended learning – both online, video lectures and clinical practicums in holistic medicine centers around the world. By the time you have completed the Doctoral degree you would have covered 5,100 hours of study, including about 1,200 hours of clinical work, and 3 dissertations. Even the few main-stream, elite, full-time Naturopathic schools around the world do not require such rigorous training for their Doctoral degrees.

Ideally, there should not be any associations worldwide that would not accept a student of naturopathy and holistic medicine who has undergone so much rigorous and detailed training.

#### 5) What if I apply to one of my associations in my country and I am rejected?

We would be happy to communicate with this specific association and share with them our transcripts and curriculum to prove that our training is of the standard stipulated by the World Health Organization for the practice of naturopathy and holistic medicine.

Our intention is to communicate with as many of these associations as possible, even though there are many hundreds worldwide, and share our curriculum and training protocols so that they can see the high standards that we maintain.

### 6) Is there a World Association of Naturopathy?

Students qualifying from the Da Vinci Institute with a degree issued by the School of Integrative and Complementary Medicine, University of America will receive a Worldwide recognition by being able to fully register in the worldwide database of the profession known as the World Council and Register of Naturopaths, Osteopaths and Homeopaths after attending the World Conference on Natural Medicine and Holistic Health in the US or Curacao and defending their thesis.

# 7) I have heard that there are only 8 State accredited Naturopathic Medicine courses in America and Canada and only these graduates can join specific associations. Is this true and how does this work?

It is true that there are 8 State accredited Naturopathic medicine schools in the USA and Canada who only accept graduate students with a Bachelor's degree in the Biological Sciences, then go through a 4-year Naturopathic Doctor (N.D) course at a cost of in excess of \$300,000. These are full-time students in campuses who can obviously afford this vast amount of money.

This is a good path to take if you have the funding and the time to go through another 4 years after completing 3-4 years for your initial degree.

However, it is not for all! There are many mature students who are working or are parents of young children who want to learn through a blended learning approach – online, offline, videos, webinars as well as clinical training – we cater to these students and they are no less inferior to those of the elite schools. Some of these will become excellent health practitioners and help many sick people in need.

The only difference is that you will not be allowed to join the elite associations that only accept graduates from these 8 schools – nor other graduates from any other schools or university in the world!

When you qualify from these elites chools you are entitled to use the title "Naturopathic Licensed Physician" as opposed to "Naturopathic Certified Practitioners" that go through our courses.

# 8) What is the difference between a Naturopathic Licensed Physicians training and the Naturopathic Certified Practitioners that your school teaches in terms of their training?

In terms of clock hours of training, not much difference. In terms of the curriculum, the Naturopathic Licensed Physicians will cover more biomedical science courses, but overall less of a variety of naturopathy courses that we cover such as toxicology, detoxification protocols, energy medicine and bioresonance, homeopathy, nutritional microscopy and other topics that we cover in a lot more depth.

Naturopathic Certified Practitioners are still allowed to practice in most countries of the world as long as they belong to an association in their country that recognises their training and have been through the course materials covered in our courses.

### 9) Can I join an association in my country after completing only the Bachelor's degree?

The simple answer is yes, because it is a very comprehensive course that includes 190 US credits or 2,850 clock hours of training, as well as a dissertation and about 400 clinical training hours in a Naturopathic center of your choice, under supervision by a qualified naturopath. Most laws of the land allow such qualified practitioners to work in their chosen speciality and join the appropriate associations in their country.

### 10) Will the degree that I obtain from the Da Vinci Institute be enough for the requirements of most Associations?

As far as the number of US credits, clock hours, clinical training hours and dissertation requirements are concerned, yes! No Naturopathic practitioner can become a competent Naturopath just by taking online courses alone, without working under supervision by a qualified naturopath in a Holistic clinical practice, seeing live patients and discussing cases. This is imperative, and this is why most credible Associations in most countries around the world will insist on this clinical training.

This is why we strongly encourage our students to find a Naturopathic or Holistic Center near their home and spend as many hours working under supervision with a qualified Naturopath. These hours will be signed-off and recorded and will become part of your transcript. It is not difficult by the time a student completes their Bachelor's degree to clock up 400 hours (50-days) of clinical practice in one of these centers. This is invaluable training, but also a prerequisite for many Associations around the world. The Da Vinci Institute will review these centers to ascertain their credibility before accepting them as a "Training Center" for our students.

There is off course an opportunity of spending some of these hours at the <u>Da Vinci Holistic Health Center</u> in Larnaca, Cyprus, under the supervision of Dr Georgiou who is the Founder of the Da Vinci Institute of Holistic Medicine, with over 35 years experience as a Naturopath and Holistic Medicine practitioner.

### 11) Why would a student want to go on to a Doctoral degree in Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine?

Basically, for the same reasons that a Bachelor's student in another subject would want to go on to the Masters and then the Doctoral degree.

To expand their knowledge base, to delve deeper into topics of interest, to research other topics of interest, to conduct research with the purpose of discovering new information and publishing this in peer-reviewed journals and to gain the prestigious title of "Dr" that they can officially use as an accolade when addressing themselves.

Receiving a Doctor of Naturopathy and Holistic Medicine is going to make you an experienced health practitioner with a huge knowledge-base that is second to none, as well as give you the credibility and prestige that a Doctoral degree denotes.

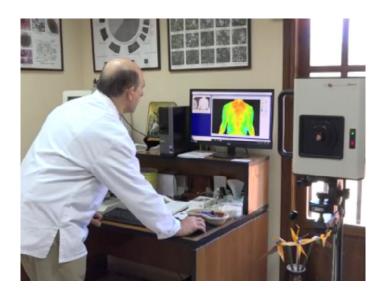
### 12) Are the courses different in each of the degree courses – the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees?

Yes, absolutely! Each degree has to cover 3 major topics of the 9 topics that the World Health Organization has stipulated as being compulsory training for a Naturopath. So, 3 of these topics are covered in each of the degrees, along with many other related topics.

Each degree course adds to your knowledge-base and experience – there is no repetition of knowledge or experience in the different degrees.

The 9 major topics that the World Health Organization has stipulated as being important for Naturopaths to cover are:

- 1. Naturopathy
- 2. Botanical Pharmacy/ Herbal Medicine
- 3. Nutritional Medicine
- 4. Osteopathic Medicine
- 5. Physical Therapy/Massage
- 6. Chiropractic
- 7. Orthopedics
- 8. Homeopathy
- 9. Energy & Vibrational Medicine





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