Master of Science in Therapeutic Herbalism

Online Courses Only

For more than a decade, Maryland University of Integrative Health has offered the nation’s only graduate degree in herbal medicine, the Master of Science in Therapeutic Herbalism. The program has evolved in response to the shifting herbal industry to reflect the most current thinking in the field. We fully expect that graduates of this program will be leaders in an exciting and expanding field, prepared for work in industry and academics, and as practitioners and consultants. Graduates are also eligible to enter Maryland University of Integrative Health’s Post-Master’s Certificate in Clinical Herbalism.

Program Highlights

- Dynamic curriculum integrates modern scientific knowledge with traditional herbal wisdom
- Combines theoretical foundation with practical application
- Comprehensive approach to principles of health and wellness
- Includes herb identification and harvesting, herbal pharmacology and phytochemistry, materia medica, and herbal therapeutics
- Prepares students with the foundational knowledge, critical thinking skills, and information literacy needed to succeed in a career and advance the field of herbal medicine
- Students are encouraged to undertake a publishable research project
- Faculty are highly experienced international leaders and practitioners
- Students have full access to the university’s outstanding on-site and online libraries, including Dr. James A. Duke’s comprehensive ethnobotanical library, as well as extensive resources for research in herbal pharmacology, materia medica, nutrition, human physiology, and holistic healing
- Abundant research opportunities and on-site dispensary internships available
- The 36-credit program can be completed with online courses
- Builds upon training in herbal graduate certificate programs
- Eligible for federal financial aid
Professional Opportunities
Herbal therapeutics are used to support and restore health and wellness around the globe. As we increasingly emphasize well-being and natural healing in our healthcare choices, the need for knowledgeable professionals in this field continues to grow. Our graduates will be leaders in conducting, interpreting, and applying research in industry and academia, while having the perspective and depth provided by a program rooted in traditional principles.

Career options include work in:
- Quality control departments
- Product formulary and development
- Regulatory substantiation of product claims
- Research and development departments
- Integrated pharmacies
- Higher education as faculty
- Creation of herbal educational and/or marketing materials

Our graduates are also eligible for the university’s Post-Master’s Certificate in Clinical Herbalism program that prepares them for clinical work in independent practice or alongside primary care.

Program Format
Courses in the Master of Science in Therapeutic Herbalism will begin online in September 2013. Three courses will have an option for brief residencies or a comparable course may be completed online. This format makes it possible for almost anyone interested and qualified for the program to attend. On-site internships are also available to interested students.

Post-Master’s Certificate in Clinical Herbalism
The Post-Master’s Certificate in Clinical Herbalism program provides graduates of the Master of Science in Therapeutic Herbalism program, and other qualified applicants, with the skills and knowledge to build a safe and effective clinical practice in herbalism. The curriculum educates students to apply a bio-psycho-social model of care to meet health and wellness goals. Students see clients in Maryland University of Integrative Health’s Natural Care Center, where they learn to conduct a comprehensive assessment and work cooperatively with clients to develop goals and an individualized health plan. The main emphasis of the program is on developing real-world, clinical competence. Topics such as ethical, business, and legal issues in clinical herbalism are explored to facilitate transition from student to working professional.

Academic Director
Michael Tims, Ph.D.

Admission Requirements
To be considered for admission to all graduate academic programs, including master’s degree and graduate certificate programs, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. In addition, applicants must submit an official transcript for the bachelor’s degree and all degrees earned beyond a bachelor’s degree.

For More Information
Detailed course descriptions, faculty bios, admissions process, tuition, and more program information are available online at www.muih.edu. You can also find the complete Academic Catalog at www.muih.edu.

For admission questions and to visit the campus, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 410-888-9048 ext. 6647 or admissions@muih.edu.

For financial aid and scholarship details, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 410-888-9048 ext. 6628, financialaid@muih.edu, or visit www.muih.edu.