

Community Herbalist Program

Course Description

The Community Herbalist program will empower you with the knowledge and confidence to approach health holistically and systematically, so you can build and support your own health, and be a person your community can rely on to support their health and wellbeing. This program will introduce you to ten body systems; you will learn how they work and how to balance them with herbs, nutrition, and lifestyle. When you finish the program, you will have obtained a strong background in herbal medicine and nutrition, be able to create herbal remedies and have the ability to confidently assist members of your community with their health.

Instructor Information

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Course Structure

The course will be available in two formats; online and in-person.

Online: Each module will include mini-courses, video lectures, quizzes, pdfs, quizzes, an assignment and case study work for each module that will deepen the learning experience. Each month, a package will be delivered to the student containing the necessary materials to create the herbal remedies for the medicine making portion of the month's lesson. Students taking the online version can attend any of the in-person classes if they are able to.

In-Person: There will be one weekend day class per month from 9:30am-4pm. During the summer months, the class will take place at the Bear Roots Forest farm for the Hampton students and at an outdoor location to be determined for the Moncton students. Each class will include hands-on medicine making as well as the opportunity to try different herbal remedies. In addition to the full day class, each student will be given access to the online course where there will be additional information for the monthly module. There will be mini-courses, video lectures, pdfs, quizzes, an assignment and case study work for each module that will deepen the learning experience. Classes will take place in Hampton and Moncton, NB.

There will be a monthly online live Q&A session, if you are unable to attend it will be recorded for viewing anytime!

Student Learning Outcomes

- Understand the functions of the body systems and how herbs and nutrition support them.
- Develop an understanding of the foundations of herbalism and nutrition.
- Learn how to make herbal remedies.
- Learn protocols for supporting imbalances within each body system.
- Feel confident in using herbs and food to bring the body into balance.
- Be able to recognize health problems and know what to do to rebuild strength and vitality.
- Create formulas and protocols that are individualized for each specific person, because bodies are different. What works for one person may not be what works for another, and you will feel confident to successfully match the right strategy for the person you're working with.
- Feel empowered and knowledgeable when you're navigating health issues: understanding how your body works means that you'll be able to make better choices about the best way to take care of yourself and those you love.
- Deepen your connection to the whole interconnected community of the Earth, seeing your individual health as a part of the health of our larger body.

You will meet the objectives listed above through a combination of the following activities in this course:

- Complete all readings and assignments.
- Participate in class work and/or online forums.
- Start to implement the use of herbs in everyday life.
- Spend time outdoors with the plants.
- Complete the final exam and four case studies.

Topic Outline/Schedule

Each module will cover an in-depth study of the functions and organs of the body system along with the key nutrients and herbs that affect that system. Also covered in each module are herbs actions and a medicine making component which will provide comprehensive information on creating herbal remedies and how to administer them through the protocols studied for specific imbalances within the body system. The module will also include other areas of interest in the realm of herbal and nutritional subjects.

- **Module 1: Immune/Lymphatic System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Categories of Herbs
 - Wise Woman Tradition & Way of the Wild Heart
 - Basic Phytochemistry
 - Protocols:
 - Immune Strengthening
 - Cold & Flu
 - Coughs
 - Fevers
 - Lymphatic Swelling
 - Sore Throats
 - Diarrhea & Vomiting
 - Medicine Making:
 - Infusions
 - Decoctions
 - Syrups
 - Materia Medica:
 - Astragalus
 - Usnea
 - Reishi
 - Echinacea
 - Calendula
 - Elderberry
 - Chickweed
 - Spilanthes

- Boneset
- **Module 2: Digestive System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Nutrition Basics
 - Taste of Herbs- Bitter, Sour, Sweet, Pungent, Salty
 - Healing Power of Culinary Herbs
 - Protocols:
 - Acid Reflux & Heartburn
 - Diarrhea
 - Constipation
 - Crohn's & IBD
 - Underactive Stomach
 - Dysbiosis & SIBO
 - Candida
 - Diverticulitis
 - Food Allergies
 - Gastritis & Ulcers
 - General Digestion Protocol
 - GERD
 - Hiatus Hernia
 - Intestinal Permeability
 - Irritable Bowel Syndrome
 - Parasites
 - Medicine Making:
 - Tinctures
 - Glycerites
 - Materia Medica:
 - Dandelion
 - Chamomile
 - Burdock
 - Oregon Grape Root
 - Wild Chamomile
 - Peppermint

- Licorice
- Gentian
- Yellow Dock
- **Module 3: Skin & Detoxification**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Energetics
 - Herbal Allies
 - Love Your Liver
 - Protocols:
 - Eczema & Acne
 - Infections, Warts & Fungi
 - Herpes
 - Lice
 - Dry Skin
 - Parasitic Infections
 - Psoriasis
 - Rosacea
 - Wounds
 - Burns
 - Acute & Chronic Hepatitis
 - Cirrhosis
 - Elevated Liver Enzymes
 - Fatty Liver
 - Medicine Making:
 - Infused Oils
 - Liniments
 - Salves
 - Materia Medica:
 - Lavender
 - Plantain
 - Witch Hazel
 - Cedar
 - Milk Thistle

- Birch
- Aspen
- Self-Heal
- Alder
- Balsam Poplar
- **Module 4: Nervous System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Inflammation & Pain Management
 - Relaxation, Mood & Sleep
 - Wildcrafting & Harvesting
 - Protocols:
 - Depression
 - Anxiety
 - Panic Attacks
 - Insomnia
 - Headaches & Migraines
 - Fibromyalgia
 - Sciatica
 - Carpal Tunnel
 - Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
 - Neuralgia
 - Neuropathy
 - Medicine Making:
 - Honeys
 - Oxymels
 - Vinegars
 -
 - Materia Medica:
 - Passionflower
 - Skullcap
 - Kava Kava
 - Valerian
 - Milky Oats & Oatstraw

- St. John's Wort
- Lemon Balm
- California Poppy
- Meadowsweet
- Hops
- Arnica
- **Module 5: Endocrine System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Adaptogens
 - Stress & Energy
 - Chakras
 - Herb Gardening
 - Protocols:
 - Hypothyroid & Hashimotos
 - Hyperthyroid & Graves
 - Fatigue
 - Stress and Jitters
 - Dysglycemia
 - Adrenal Hyperfunction
 - Adrenal Hypofunction
 - Medicine Making:
 - Flower Essences
 - Materia Medica:
 - Ashwagandha
 - Bugleweed
 - Ginseng
 - Eleuthero
 - Holy Basil
 - Rhodiola
 - Codonopsis
 - Schisandra
 - Bladderwrack
 - Gotu Kola

- **Module 6: Reproductive System**

- Functions and Organs
- Men's Health
- Female Cycle
- Cancer Prevention
- Herbal First Aid
- Protocols:
 - Low Libido in Men
 - Low Libido in Women
 - Menstrual Cramps
 - PMS
- Medicine Making:
 - Hydrosols
- Materia Medica:
 - Black Cohosh
 - Chaste Tree
 - American Ginseng
 - Lady's Mantle
 - Red Clover
 - Red Raspberry
 - Violet
 - Dong Quai
 - Cramp Bark
 - Saw Palmetto

- **Module 7: Cardiovascular System**

- Functions and Organs
- Blood Sugar Balance
- Wild Foods
- Choosing the Right Remedy
- Basic Botany
- Protocols:

- Type 1 Diabetes
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Cholesterol
- Blood Pressure
- Varicose Veins, Hemorrhoids
- Heart Health
- Stroke/Heart Attack
- Grief & Heartache
- Medicine Making:
 - Dosing
 - Tincture Formulation
- Materia Medica:
 - Garlic
 - Hawthorn
 - Motherwort
 - Hibiscus
 - Cacao
 - Linden
 - Yarrow
 - Rose
 - Horse Chestnut
- **Module 8: Respiratory System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Herbs for Allergies
 - Antihistamines
 - Toxic Plants
 - Doctrine of Signatures
 - Protocols:
 - Asthma
 - Seasonal Allergies
 - COPD
 - Coughs

- Laryngitis
 - Sinusitis
 - Tinnitus
 - Tonsillitis
 - Vertigo
 - Pharyngitis
 - Ear Infections
 - Medicine Making:
 - Herb-Drug Interactions
 - Materia Medica:
 - Mullein
 - Elecampane
 - Horehound
 - Goldenrod
 - Nettle
 - Wild Cherry Bark
 - Hyssop
 - Marshmallow
- **Module 9: Brain; Memory & Cognitive Thought**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Mental Health
 - Ayurveda
 - Psychotropics
 - Mind & Spirit Health
 - Protocols:
 - Alzheimer's
 - Parkinson's Disease
 - OCD
 - PTSD
 - Drug Addiction
 - Medicine Making:
 - Lotions and Creams

- Materia Medica:
 - Bacopa
 - Ginkgo Biloba
 - Lion's Mane
 - Rosemary
 - Wild Sarsaparilla
 - Spearmint
 - Bilberry
- **Module 10: Musculoskeletal System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Vibrational Aspect of Herbs
 - Dental Health
 - Geriatrics
 - Protocols:
 - Bone Fractures
 - Bursitis and Tendinitis
 - Gout
 - Coughs
 - Lyme Disease
 - Muscle Spasms and Sprains
 - Osteoarthritis
 - Osteoporosis
 - Rheumatoid Arthritis
 - Ankylosing Spondylitis
 - Canker Sores
 - Gingivitis
 - Tooth Decay
 - Oral Herpes
 - Medicine Making:
 - Poultice and Fomentations
 - Materia Medica:
 - Comfrey
 - Horsetail

- Blue Vervain
- Wood Betony
- Alfalfa
- **Module 11: Urinary System**
 - Functions and Organs
 - Living in Harmony with the Seasons
 - Positive Self-Empowerment
 - Eye Health
 - Protocols:
 - Urinary Tract Infection
 - Cystitis
 - Kidney Stones
 - Incontinence
 - Interstitial Cystitis
 - Overactive Bladder
 - Prostatitis
 - Renal Failure- Acute and Chronic
 - Cataracts
 - Acute Conjunctivitis
 - Glaucoma
 - Macular Degeneration
 - Retinopathy
 - Medicine Making:
 - Advanced Medicine Making
 - Principles of Medicine Making
 - Materia Medica:
 - Juniper Berry
 - Uva Ursi
 - Cornsilk
 - Gravel Root
 - Cleavers
 - Eyebright

- **Module 12: Pediatrics and Obstetrics**
 - Nutrition
 - Herbs
 - Lifestyle
 - Business 101
 - Protocols:
 - ADD
 - Colic
 - Diaper Rash
 - Fever
 - Constipation
 - Diarrhea
 - Upper Respiratory Infections
 - Poor Appetite
 - Cradle Cap
 - Sore Throats
 - Teething
 - Infertility
 - Miscarriage
 - Morning Sickness
 - Post-Partum
 - Case Study Work
 - Materia Medica:
 - Catnip
 - Queens Anne Lace
 - False Unicorn Root
 - Vitex
 - Mugwort
 - Blessed Thistle

Course Completion

Assignments: There will be an assignment to complete for each module. It will allow the student to apply the concepts learned in the module as well as deepened their understanding through additional research.

Case Studies: Students will be required to work on four case studies throughout the program. The case studies will involve completing an intake form and evaluating the person to see which areas of the body need support and nourishment. As the course progresses student will compile recommendations based on the learning that takes place. The final case studies will outline nutrition, herbal and lifestyle recommendations for the individual.

Final Exam: At the end of the program students will be given a final open book exam that will allow for evaluation of their knowledge of the concepts learned throughout the program.

In order to receive a Certificate of Completion for the course you need to:

-Complete each Module Assignment, Four Case Studies and the Final Exam.

These will be weighted as follows to come up with your final mark:

Assignments	50%
Final Exam	30%
Case Studies	20%

Students will be required to achieve a mark of 80% for successful completion.

Once the above requirements have been fulfilled successfully the students will receive a 'Community Herbalist' Certificate of Completion.

It should be noted that in Canada herbalists are not certified or licensed by any governmental body, which means that no one can make you a 'certified herbalist'. By completing this course, you will be an herbalist with a certificate. In the future, Bear Roots hopes to be a Member School of the Herbalist Association of New Brunswick, however at this time the association has not completed their policies regarding the requirements for professional members.

The study of herbalism is a lifelong pursuit and is not earned after one year of study. Bear Roots teaches skills and practices that will make you a competent, safe and confident herbalist however additional studying is always recommended!

Course Policies

If you are taking the course 'live and in person' you will have six months after the last class to pass in all assignments, case studies and final exam.

If you are an online student, you will have two years to complete the course from your start date to receive your Community Herbalist certification.

A full refund will be given if a student withdraws within the first two weeks of the course. A partial refund will be given within the first month of the course.

If payment arrangements have been made and are not made on time, they will be subject to a \$10 administration fee