



## DEAC CONSUMER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Name of Institution:** American College of Healthcare Sciences

**Address:** 5005 SW Macadam Blvd. Portland, OR 97239

**Year Founded:** 1978

**First Accredited:** 2003

**Founding President:** Dorene Petersen, BA, DIP.NT, DIP.ACU, RH (AHG)

**President:** Erika Yigzaw, B.COM, LL.B. (HONS)

### Accreditation (s) and Agency E-mail Contact Information:

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Additional state authorization information is available online at <https://achs.edu/about-us/accreditation-state-authorization>.

### Participation in Funding Programs:

Title IV Funding Programs: Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG Grant, Federal Direct Loans (including Subsidized, Unsubsidized, Parent PLUS, and Grad PLUS). Other Funding Programs include, Military Education Benefits, Military and Employer Tuition Assistance, AmeriCorps, and direct payment options.

## **MISSION AND DESCRIPTION:**

### **Institution Mission Statement:**

To provide leadership in holistic health education through comprehensive professional online and on-campus education and high-quality natural products with a commitment to sustainable practices and principles. Through our mission, ACHS fosters competence, professionalism, and cooperation in holistic healthcare and works to preserve and share knowledge in natural medicine. We will achieve our objectives through a set of values that respect our students, customers, employees, suppliers, and community, and to operate with integrity that is deserving of their trust.

### **Areas of Special Focus:**

Integrative health and wellness, including aromatherapy, herbal medicine, holistic nutrition, and other complementary and alternative medicine modalities.

### **Description of Institution:**

Founded in 1978, ACHS.edu is a Portland, Ore.-based, accredited college offering online, on-campus, and study abroad integrative health education. With undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and continuing education units in integrative health, ACHS makes holistic health and wellness education accessible to a diverse community, including healthcare professionals, military students, stay-at-home parents, and lifelong learners. Specializations include aromatherapy, herbal medicine, holistic nutrition, and wellness. ACHS is a Certified B Corporation® and was named #5 of 100 Best Green Workplaces in Oregon 2018 (#2 in 2017 and #6 in 2016) by *Oregon Business* magazine. ACHS is also accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Visit [achs.edu](http://achs.edu).

### **Student Demographic Profile:**

With undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and professional continuing education units (CEUs), ACHS makes integrative health education accessible to a diverse community of learners from across the U.S. and internationally. ACHS's student body also includes many military service members, veterans, spouses, and dependents (15% as of fall 2017), and ACHS has been recognized for its military friendly practices every year since 2009. Learn more about ACHS's student body [online here](#) under *Enrollment*.

### **Courses/Programs/Degrees:**

Associate of Applied Science in Complementary Alternative Medicine  
Associate of Applied Science in Health and Wellness  
Bachelor of Science in Holistic Nutrition  
Bachelor of Science in Integrative Health Sciences  
Certificate in Aromatherapy  
Certificate in Herbal Studies  
Certificate in Holistic Nutrition Consulting  
Certificate in Holistic Spa Management  
Certificate in Homeopathy Consulting  
Certificate in Integrative Health and Fitness Training  
Certificate in Iridology Consulting  
Certificate in Natural Products Manufacturing  
Certificate in Wellness Consulting  
Diploma in Aromatherapy Master Aromatherapist  
Diploma in Herbal Studies Master Herbalist

Diploma in Holistic Health Practice  
Graduate Certificate in Anatomy & Physiology  
Graduate Certificate in Aromatherapy  
Graduate Certificate in Botanical Safety  
Graduate Certificate in Complementary Alternative Medicine  
Graduate Certificate in Herbal Medicine  
Graduate Certificate in Holistic Nutrition  
Graduate Certificate in Wellness Coaching  
Master of Science in Aromatherapy  
Master of Science in Complementary Alternative Medicine  
Master of Science in Health and Wellness  
Master of Science in Herbal Medicine  
Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition

**Average Program Tuition/Cost Per Credit Hour:**

**2018-2019 Undergraduate Tuition and Fees**

Regular class, per credit: \$325

Registration fee: \$200 per program, payable at enrollment. Students enrolling in single courses pay a registration fee per course, based on \$30 per credit, not to exceed \$200 per registration.

Additional fees apply per course for required course packs and textbooks.

**2018-2019 Graduate Tuition and Fees**

Regular class, per credit: \$505

Registration fee: \$200 per program, payable at enrollment. Students enrolling in single courses pay a registration fee per course, based on \$30 per credit, not to exceed \$200 per registration.

Additional fees apply per course for required course packs and textbooks. Please see the Total Course Price for each course listed at <https://achs.edu/admissions/tuition-and-funding/what-does-it-cost>; an itemized breakdown of required materials and fees is available under each course description at <http://www.achs.edu/> under Academics.

**SUCCESS INDICATORS:**

**Student Satisfaction**

**Percentage of students surveyed who responded that they –**

**Degree Programs**

*Did you achieve or will you achieve upon completing your studies, the goals you had when you started the course or program?*

**YES – 95.2%**

Would you recommend these studies to a friend?

YES – 99%

All things considered, were you satisfied with your studies with us?

YES – 99.2%

### **Non-Degree Programs**

Did you achieve or will you achieve upon completing your studies, the goals you had when you started the course or program?

YES – 95.5%

Would you recommend these studies to a friend?

YES – 99%

All things considered, were you satisfied with your studies with us?

YES – 98.2%

### **Program Graduation Rates<sup>1</sup>**

Program Type	ACHS Graduation Rate as of May 2018
<b>Associate Degree Programs</b>	AAS in Complementary Alternative Medicine – 36.6% AAS in Health & Wellness – 40%
<b>Bachelor Degree Programs</b>	Not applicable – ACHS’s Bachelors degree programs launched in January 2018.
<b>Master Degree Programs</b>	MS in Aromatherapy – 100% MS in Complementary Alternative Medicine – 55.6% MS in Health & Wellness – 66.7% MS in Herbal Medicine – 66.7% MS in Holistic Nutrition – 51.5%
<b>Non-degree programs<sup>2</sup></b>	Undergraduate: 83% Graduate: 81.7%

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<sup>1</sup> Based on DEAC methodology. Exclusions include: students who cancelled within five days for the reported cohort, students who never completed three credits, students who were cancelled for non-payment, students who never fully accepted (did not meet all compliance requirements for admission), program transfers, military stop out (deployed) students, deceased students.

<sup>2</sup> The Certificate in Integrative Health & Fitness Training was a new program in 2017 and is not included in program completion reporting.

## Information on ACHS Degree Graduation Rates

The majority of students in these programs are non-traditional students and progress on a part-time basis. As such, ACHS students generally take longer than the 150% of normal time to complete, e.g. three years for associate degree programs.

## OTHER DISCLOSURES OF OUTCOMES:

### *Alumni Success*

**Acceptance at other schools/universities:** Please view transfer of credit information [online here](#).

**Received job promotion or salary increase:** See below

**Gained salary increase as a result:** 10%

**Gained or obtained a new position:** 25%

### **As reported in the 2017 ACHS Alumni Survey:**

- 81% (of 197 respondents) are employed (or self-employed) half-time or more. (Compared to 76.4% of 161 respondents in 2014.)
- 52% (of 129 respondents) classify their employer as self-employed or in private practice. (Compared to 40.3% of 129 respondents in 2014.)
- 61% (of 197 respondents) said their current employment is related to their ACHS studies with 33.5% reporting closely related. (Compared to 57.8% of 161 respondents in 2014 with 28% reporting closely related).
- 52% (of 180 respondents) had an employer or job change as a result of their ACHS studies. (Compared to 34.8% of 135 respondents in 2014.)
- 10% (of 147 respondents) received a salary increase as a result of their ACHS studies. (Compared to 9.9% of 111 respondents in 2014.)
- Graduates also reported the following employment-related outcomes as a result of their ACHS studies: 2.7% received a promotion, 25% obtained a new position, 25% added new responsibilities to an existing position. (Compared to 2.7% received a promotion, 11.8% obtained a new position, 22.7% added new responsibilities to an existing position in 2014)

### **Outside Independent Assessments:**

Aromatherapy Registration Council National Exam leading to registration as a Registered Aromatherapist: ACHS aromatherapy graduates have a five-year (2013-2017) 100% success rate passing the exam. This is compared to an overall pass rate of 82% for all exam candidates from all institutions as of October 2017.

ACHS graduates may qualify for additional professional registration examinations; contact Admissions at [admissions@achs.edu](mailto:admissions@achs.edu) for more information.

View all ACHS consumer disclosures online at <https://achs.edu/consumer-disclosures>.

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