

# HERBACULTURE

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### FAQs

#### **What qualifications do I need to have?**

Because this is a very physically demanding program with production fieldwork, communal living, and an intense schedule of classes, you need to be both physically and mentally fit.

The strongest applications come from candidates that are well rounded in three respects equally: they 1) can demonstrate a sincere interest in herbalism 2) have some experience in production farming, working outdoors, and doing repetitive tasks, and 3) have lived in communal house settings.

#### **What is the level of the formal instruction?**

You can expect to have roughly 135 hrs of formal instruction. The classes cover a wide range of topics and give interns a broad look at herbalism as a whole. Please see our curriculum page <https://www.herb-pharm.com/pdf/Syllabus.pdf> for more information about class topics. Due to the diverse range of backgrounds and levels of experience this program draws, classes range from introductory to intermediate. You can expect to be exposed to both clinical/scientific, as well as, subtle/energetic approaches to herbal medicine. Although we are not accredited, some colleges have accepted our program for credit.

#### **Can I come late or leave early?**

Our Herbaculture Program is a synergistic experience and requires start-to-finish participation from all of the students. To be considered you must be able to attend for the entire duration of the program.

#### **Can I apply for the Spring Session and stay for the other two sessions?**

No.

#### **Can I get a job or volunteer at the farm after my session ends?**

On rare occasions, opportunities do arise; however, you should not plan on this.

#### **What do most of your students do afterwards?**

There is an array of career opportunities available for students in production and use of botanical medicines. Past students have gone on to other herbal program, naturopathic or medical schools, into midwifery, advanced plant sciences, Agroecology and conservation of at-risk plants, herb farming, landscape horticulture, massage therapy and community service.

#### **Do I need a car?**

No, but without one you will only have access to the Williams general store and be dependent on others if you wish to go to "town".

#### **Can I take other classes, work or participate in other programs while I am at HP?**

No, you should not plan on any other commitments. The combination of field work, program Classes, communal household life, and needed time for reflection and rest makes for a full schedule.

**What computer access will I have?**

There is WIFI in the communal house, as well as, one PC.

**What phone access will I have?**

There is very limited cell reception at the house. The house and farm are located rurally with good cell service about a mile down the road. The house is equipped with land lines that can only make local calls so a phone card is recommended.

**What is the difference between the sessions?**

The curriculum for the classes largely remains the same for each session. The three sessions do differ in the types of work you will be primarily doing on the farm, the plants you will be working closely with, and the weather conditions you will be working in....

Spring and fall can be wet and cold; summer can be very hot and dry. All sessions include planting, cultivating, harvest and some herb processing such as drying, garbling and cleaning, as well as landscape work such as weeding, transplanting and pruning.

**My partner and I both want to apply, can we do so together?**

While you are welcome to apply together, each application is considered independently; you will be asked to indicate whether or not you would accept the position alone.

**Do you accept international applications?**

Yes, if you can arrange for the appropriate visa.

**What is the nearest town for shopping?**

The town of Williams, which is 2.5 miles from the farm, has a General Store with a small selection of whole, natural and organic foods. There is also a Farmer's Market during the summer months. Grants Pass and Medford are 20-30 minutes away and Ashland, a favorite shopping and entertainment trip, an hour's distance.