

# Goddard College

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## **Goddard College Announces New Partnership with Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism**

The Goddard College Health Arts and Sciences Program and the Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism (VCIH) are pleased to announce a new learning partnership. VCIH students can now apply their learning (and transfer credits at the undergraduate level) to their individualized program of study in Health Arts and Sciences. This is the only independent clinical herbalist training program in the country that can be applied towards completion of education at a regionally accredited institution.

Health Arts and Sciences is a low residency BA and MA program. Students spend eight days each semester in residency at Goddard and otherwise study from home in partnership with their academic advisor. The Health Arts and Sciences vision, founded on the principle that personal and community health are two dimensions of the same whole, helps students develop their wisdom and skills to cultivate wellbeing within a matrix of social and ecological health.

The Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism, located in Montpelier, VT, brings clinical herbalism to community practice through the weaving of science, spirit and grassroots activism, providing one of the nation's most extensive clinical training opportunities, grounded in deep connection with the plants and place.

“By drawing upon the practitioner training available from VCIH, in conjunction with the ongoing inquiry and broader scholarship facilitated in Health Arts & Sciences, students will become practitioner-scholars of Western herbal medicine and expand their focus beyond herbal medicine within the Health Arts and Sciences program,” said Suzanne Richman, Program Director of the Health Arts and Sciences program.

This collaboration offers students of both institutions new opportunities. VCIH students gain access to the rich, diverse learning community offered by Health Arts and Sciences, and they acquire a college degree, thereby expanding their scholarship and future career opportunities. Goddard students will also gain intensive technical training in Western clinical herbalism when they take part in the VCIH programs.

To learn more about the Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism, visit [www.vtherbcenter.org](http://www.vtherbcenter.org).

To learn more about the Health Arts and Sciences Program at Goddard College, visit [www.goddard.edu](http://www.goddard.edu).