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Associate of Applied Science in Complementary Alternative Medicine  
*Program Fact Data*

Program Level	02 Associates
<b>U.S. Department of Labor O*Net Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes and Links to Occupational Profiles</b>	21-1091.00 – Health Educators <a href="http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/21-1091.00">http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/21-1091.00</a>
<b>Institutional Accreditation</b>	DEAC: Distance Education Accrediting Commission, <a href="http://www.deac.org/">http://www.deac.org/</a>
<b>Program Length</b>	75 weeks; 60 semester credits
<b>Total Projected Maximum Cost of Program<sup>1</sup></b>	Registration Fee: \$200.00 Tuition: \$19,500 Books and supplies: \$7,568 Graduation Fee: \$50  Learn more about tuition and fees and ways to lower costs with transfer of credit, challenge exam, and ebook textbook options online at <a href="https://achs.edu/admissions/tuition-and-funding/what-does-it-cost">https://achs.edu/admissions/tuition-and-funding/what-does-it-cost</a> .
<b>Median Borrowing</b>	\$28,250 Note: Median borrowing is based on a small sample size in specific undergraduate programs; actual borrowing rates can vary greatly in Title IV eligible programs, depending on credential level and program length.

<sup>1</sup> The projected maximum cost includes the registration fee, all required textbooks, graduation application fee, and the online ACHS eTextbook. This cost is calculated with the inclusion of all required materials for the courses that represent the greatest outlay for students and does not include any transfer of credit or other cost-savings such as purchasing used textbooks if applicable.

<b>Loan Default Rate</b>	10.9% for students entering repayment in the 2015 fiscal year
<b>Transfer of Credit and Transfer Articulation Agreements with other Institutions</b>	<p><b>Transfer of Credit Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.achs.edu/transfer-credit-procedure">https://www.achs.edu/transfer-credit-procedure</a></p> <p><b>Articulation Agreements:</b>  View current articulation agreements and memorandums of understanding with partner institutions online at:  <a href="https://www.achs.edu/articulation-agreements">https://www.achs.edu/articulation-agreements</a></p>
<b>Average time students take to graduate by program and at whole school level</b>	44 months (21 months at whole institutional level across all programs)
<b>Graduation Rate 2010 Cohort</b>	37% (Students still studying excluded)
<b>Job Placement Rate 2010 Cohort</b>	73% - Of 15 graduates: 7 are employed in a related field, 4 are employed in an unrelated field, 2 are unemployed, 1 homemaker, and 1 declined to report.
<b>Median Starting Salary for Graduates 2010 Cohort</b>	\$10,000 This data includes median salary for graduates employed in a related field.
<b>Gainful Employment results as outlined under U.S. Department of Education Accountability metrics</b>	<p>No gainful employment results available.</p> <p>ACHS did not have sufficient Title IV students who completed this Gainful Employment program during the current reporting period.</p> <p>As outlined by Gainful Employment Dear Colleague Letter GEN-15-12 by Lynn Mahaffie, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education on June 30, 2015:</p> <p>“If fewer than 30 students completed the program during the four-year cohort period, [Debt-to-Earnings] rates will not be calculated for the [Gainful Employment] program.”</p>

## State Licensing Requirements

If you are interested in pursuing a career in the health and wellness industry, you should consult with the appropriate state board to assure that your credentials will allow you to achieve your professional goals.

**Aromatherapy Specialization:** An aromatherapy certificate, diploma or degree provides graduates with useful skills that may enhance a current career path or offer opportunity to work in the holistic health and wellness community, however, graduation from an aromatherapy program does not convey any sort of license to practice. Currently, there are no licensing requirements for aromatherapists in the United States. There are membership and registration options in the industry and these can be reviewed online at [achs.edu](http://achs.edu). Additionally, aromatherapists may not claim to treat, diagnose, or cure any illness, because doing so may be considered practicing medicine without a license and a violation of State Medical Practice Acts. Prior to enrollment, students are solely responsible for confirming that the certificate, diploma or degree program in which they enroll will meet their personal and career objectives.

**Herbal Medicine Specialization:** An herbal studies/herbal medicine certificate, diploma or degree provides graduates with useful skills that may enhance a current career path or offer opportunity to work in the holistic health community, however, graduation from an herbalism program does not convey any sort of license to practice. Currently, there are no licensing requirements for herbalists in the United States. There are membership and registration options in the industry and these can be reviewed online at [achs.edu](http://achs.edu). Additionally, herbalists should be cautious in claiming to treat, diagnose, or cure any illness, because doing so may be considered practicing medicine without a license and a violation of State Medical Practice Acts. Prior to enrollment, students are solely responsible for confirming that the certificate, diploma or degree program in which they enroll will meet their personal and career objectives.

**Nutrition Profession:** If you are interested in pursuing a career in nutrition or dietetics, please note that many states have enacted laws that regulate the practice of dietetics and nutrition services. ACHS provides summary disclosures for all states online at <https://www.achs.edu/nutrition-state-law-disclosures>.

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