PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Certificate in Herbal Studies

2026-2027

Program Level	01 Undergraduate Certificate
Occupational Classification	**U.S. Department of Labor O*NET-SOC:** 21-1091.00 - Health Education Specialists https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/21-1091.00
Institutional Accreditation	Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) https://www.deac.org/
Program Length	30 weeks; 16 semester credits
Total Projected Maximum Cost	**Registration fee:** $200 **Tuition:** $6,960 **Books and materials:** $2,429 **Graduation fee:** $50 *Tuition and fees are subject to change. The projected maximum cost includes all required textbooks and materials and the online ACHS eTextbook. The estimate assumes courses with the greatest outlay and no transfer credit or challenge examinations, if applicable. Based on 2026-2027 tuition. Learn more:* https://achs.edu/admissions/tuition-and-funding/what-does-it-cost
Median Borrowing	**Median total federal debt after graduation:** $13,523 This is the median cumulative federal debt of undergraduate borrowers who graduated. It includes federal loans originated at ACHS and excludes private student loans, Parent PLUS loans, and federal loans originated at previously attended schools. **Typical monthly loan payment:** $143 per month, based on a standard 10-year repayment plan; other repayment options may be available. **Source:** College Scorecard institutional metrics compiled from IPEDS and NSLDS data: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?443599-American-College-of-Healthcare-Sciences
Cohort Default Rate	62% of students borrow federal financial aid to attend ACHS (College Scorecard). The institutional cohort default rate is 0% for borrowers entering repayment in the 2022 fiscal-year cohort. The national cohort default rate was also 0% because federal student-loan payment requirements were paused during the reporting period.
Transfer of Credit and Articulation	**Transfer of credit:** Transfer of credit is at the discretion of the receiving institution and generally depends on curriculum and accreditation comparability. Accreditation does not guarantee that another institution will accept ACHS credits or credentials. ACHS does not guarantee transfer of credit. Full policy: https://achs.edu/transfer-credit-procedure/ **Articulation agreements:** View current agreements and memorandums of understanding with partner institutions: https://achs.edu/admissions/articulation-agreements
Average Time to Graduate	8 months for this program; 15 months institution-wide across all programs.
Graduation Rate (2024 Cohort)	57%

Job Placement (2024 Cohort)	29% - Of 17 graduates: 1 is employed in a related field, 4 are employed in unrelated field, 7 are students, 1 is unemployed, 1 is disabled, 1 is retired, and 2 declined to provide any graduate information.
Median Starting Salary (2024 Cohort)	$75,000 This data includes median salary for graduates employed in a related field.
Federal Accountability Metrics (Gainful Employment)	On October 10, 2023, the U.S. Department of Education issued rules applying financial value transparency and accountability metrics to Title IV-eligible programs. The Department has not yet published program-level results for ACHS. View available institutional information at https://collegescorecard.ed.gov.
State Licensing Requirements	ACHS programs align with industry standards and credentialing requirements but are not designed to meet the educational requirements for a specific state license or certification, or to qualify a student for a specific state examination in any state or jurisdiction. Learn more about professional pathways: https://achs.edu/alumni/professional-exams-registration/

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