

Who we are

About ACHS

ACHS has a heritage of excellence in education that spans over 40+ years of teaching complementary alternative medicine (CAM), Aromatherapy, and Integrative Holistic Healthcare. We offer uniquely tailored programs that focus on occupational health and wellness professional clinical protocols in an easily digestible online learning platform.

ACHS programs are designed for student success. The goal of our educational models has focused on learning outcomes offered in a low stress, easy to understand manageable modules with research, a science-based curriculum taught by industry-leading practitioners in a collaborative experiential learning environment.

Why Complementary Alternative Care for the Current COVID-19 Crisis?

Awareness and competency of integrative and holistic health practices stimulate outside-the-box thinking and can arm providers and patients with tools that directly address stress and environmental wellness. Now more than ever, all members of health care teams and the public need access to evidence-based practices and inputs that support self-care and resiliency.

Fostering self-care and resiliency benefits all of us globally as we learn to live within a new normal that is filled with stress and uncertainty.



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The American College of Healthcare Sciences was founded in 1978 by Dorene Petersen in New Zealand. She later opened additional branches in Australia and Hong Kong. Today, ACHS is housed entirely on the U.S. campus located in Portland, Oregon.

In May 2009, the College officially changed its name from the Australasian College of Health Sciences to the American College of Healthcare Sciences. The name change celebrated the College's 20th anniversary of operations in the United States and better represented the College's long-term goals as an Institute of Higher Learning in the U.S. In 2018, ACHS celebrated four decades of excellence in holistic health distance education.

ACHS President Dorene Petersen holds a BA in Archaeology and Anthropology from Otago University, New Zealand, a Diploma in Natural Therapeutics from the South Pacific College of Natural Therapies in Auckland, New Zealand, and completed specialized training in Chinese herbal medicine and moxibustion. She has also completed part one of the Advanced International Training Program in essential oils at Purdue University.



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Amanda Lattin has had a passion for growing and using nutritional and medicinal plants since she planted her first garden at age six. She followed this passion and inquiry while finishing her B.A. in Chemistry at Huntingdon College. She performed research on Ionic Liquids, the Study of Chinese Culture through Chemical Analysis, and Transitional Metal Oxides in Tattoo Pigments. She also traveled to China with Huntingdon College to share water quality research after the opening of the Three Gorges Dam.

Amanda continued her education by completing her Master's of Teaching with a concentration in Chemistry at Lewis and Clark College. There her thesis designed curriculum about the Geochemistry of the Oregon John Day Region. After teaching chemistry at West Linn High School, Amanda returned to her interest in medicinal plants and began studying essential oils with Dr. Kurt Schnaubelt at the Pacific Institute of Aromatherapy. She continued her studies by completing her diplomas in Aromatherapy and Herbal Studies at ACHS. Amanda also trained for a year in Applied Kinesiology with Dr. Robert Ciprian, DC, D.I.B.A.K.

Find out more



Antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral effects of three essential oil blends

Excerpt of Published Paper:

Abstract:

New agents that are effective against common pathogens are needed particularly for those resistant to conventional antimicrobial agents. Essential oils (EOs) are known for their antimicrobial activity. Using the broth microdilution method, we showed that (1) two unique blends of Cinnamomum zeylanicum, Daucus carota, Eucalyptus globulus and Rosmarinus officinalis EOs (AB1 and AB2; cinnamon EOs from two different suppliers) were active against the fourteen Gram-positive and -negative bacteria strains tested, including some antibiotic-resistant strains. Minimal inhibitory concentrations (MICs) ranged from 0.01% to 3% v/v with minimal bactericidal concentrations from <0.01% to 6.00% v/v; (2) a blend of Cinnamomum zeylanicum, Daucus carota, Syzygium aromaticum, Origanum vulgare EOs was antifungal to the six Candida strains tested, with MICs ranging from 0.01% to 0.05% v/v with minimal fungicidal concentrations from 0.02% to 0.05% v/v. Blend AB1 was also effective against H1N1 and HSV1 viruses. With this dual activity, against H1N1 and against S. aureus and S. pneumoniae notably, AB1 may be interesting to treat influenza and postinfluenza bacterial pneumonia infections.

These blends could be very useful in clinical practice to combat common infections including those caused by microorganisms resistant to antimicrobial drugs.

Read Original Paper

ACHS Summary

The results and conclusion of the paper indicate the blend AB1 demonstrated in vitro antiviral activity against H1N1 and HSV1 viruses, particularly "For example, eucalyptus EO and its compounds 1,8 cineole and β -caryophyllene exhibit an anti-HSV1 activity by directly inactivating free-virus particles and might interfere with virion envelope structures required for entry into host cells (Astani, Reichling, & Schnitzler, 2011; Astani et al.,2010)".

This blend would then be appropriate for diffusing, for cleaning, or for inhalation and has the potential to interact with free virus particles that have not entered cells yet. We do not know if antiviral activity against H1N1 would carry over to COVID-19 as they are different classes of viruses. The antibacterial action is not as relevant in COVID-19 has clinical data has shown no indicators of secondary bacterial infections as present with influenza.

Blend

Inhalation Formula Master Blend (5ml)

- 1.60 ml Eucalyptus globulus CT cineol (leaf)
- 1.60 ml Cinnamomum zeylanicum CT cinnamaldehyde (bark),
- 1.33 ml of Rosmarinus officinalis CT cineol (leaf),
- 0.47 ml of Daucus carota CT carotol (seed)

Same formula to 1ml if needed for production paperwork:

- 0.32 ml Eucalyptus globulus CT cineol (leaf)
- 0.32 ml Cinnamomum zeylanicum CT cinnamaldehyde (bark),
- 0.26 ml of Rosmarinus officinalis CT cineol (leaf),
- 0.10 ml of Daucus carota CT carotol (seed)

Diffuse 3 to 4 drops for no longer than 30-minute intervals, 2 to 3 times daily in well-ventilated area.

For topical application:

Add 1 ml to 100 ml of carrier oil for a 1% dilution. Apply 1 tsp (5ml) over the desired area 3 times a day. If any irritation occurs, discontinue use. Discontinue use after (DP how long?)

Please note, this dosage would equal about 3 drops a day of this formula. Cinnamomum zeylanicum CT cinnamaldehyde (bark) essential oil is a known skin irritant and sensitizer and is in a .32% dilution rate in this prepared formula.

Essential Oil Blends, Blogs, and Free Education



Essential DIY Aromatherapy

Supplies for DIY Hand Sanitizer and Wipe

By now, we all have our handwashing technique down and are practiced at the physical distancing dance. We have all mastered the method of using disinfecting wipes for every touched surface and hand sanitizer even though handwashing is best.

But what can we do when our stash of disinfecting wipes and hand cleanser /sanitizer is running low, and the supermarket shelves are empty? Or, if you are like me, a recycle reuse junkie and are fretting at filling up the landfill with all those packaged wipes, get started on DIY, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer. It is so easy that even the kids can get involved, under your supervision, of course.

As an added plus, essential oils are a perfect combo with homemade hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes. Though there is no essential oil or a blend of oils that are active against the Sars-Cov-2 virus there is some limited, in vitro, and in vivo, research that shows essential oil activity against other viruses. Just like bacteria, all viruses are not alike (some have an outer envelope, and some do not and will not react the same way on surfaces or in the body). [1]

Read the Blog

Calm is Contagious

Essential Oils for staying calm in a crisis

During this crazy time, when everything feels out of our control, it feels good to tackle the things you can control such as your stress level. Our new Calm is Contagious Blend will help take the edge. off and give you that tranquil vibe that is eluding us all right now. Diffuse it or add to a nasal inhaler and inhale deeply, or try combining Calm is Contagious Blend with your favorite carrier oil (Ladded some of mine to the collection) for a luxurious moisturizing rub after a bath. If you prefer you can even add this carrier oil blend to your bath and enjoy a de-stress soak. Another effective way to use it is to add it to argan oil which is great for hair health and give yourself a deep scalp massage and leave on overnight. De-stress and healthy hair!

Now breathe and enjoy

Note: When diffusing, don't exceed 30-minute intervals and diffuse in well-ventilated areas.

Calm is Contagious Blend

Lavender Lavandula angustifolia oil: 20 drops Ylang ylang Cananga odorata var. genuina essential oil: 15 drops Marjoram Origanum majorana essential oil: 10 drops Neroli Citrus aurantium var. amara essential oil: 2 drops

You will need a separate empty bottle to blend the oils together in. Blend all the oils and shake well.

substituted with Roman chamomile or clary sage essential oil.

Please note, the marjoram essential oil in this formula can be

Immune Support

Essential Oils for immunity

Certified organic and pesticide-free essential oils may support an already healthy lymphatic and immune system when administered as a part of a wider holistic immunity support approach. We have curated a collection of our favorite healthy immune system support oils along with our favorite diffusers for you to use and enjoy as part of your daily wellness support. To use inhale via a diffuser. Inhaling oils is the fastest way for them to enter the bloodstream. Choose a single oil from the collection or a blend of the oils (any combo will work as long as it smells good to you) and shake well. Use 3-5 drops in the diffuser and enjoy. Note: When diffusing, don't exceed 30-minute intervals and diffuse in well-ventilated areas.

See The Collection Now

Essential Oils for Immune Support

Cedarwood Atlas Essential Oil Organic Black Pepper Essential Oil Organic Basil ct. Linalool Essential Oil Organic Chamomile, Roman Essential Oil Organic Cistus Essential Oil Organic Clove Bud Essential Oil Organic Oregano Essential Oil Organic Elemi Essential Oil Wildcrafted Lemon Essential Oil Organic Frankincense ct. a-pinene Essential Oil Organic Pine Essential Oil Organic Cajuput Aromatherapy Essential Oil Organic Eucalyptus globulus Essential Oil Organic Lavender Essential Oil Organic Tea Tree Australia Essential Oil Organic Tea Tree New Zealand ct. Triketones Essential Oil Niaouli Essential Oil Organic Vetiver Essential Oil Cinnamon Essential Oil Organic Ginger Essential Oil Organic Rosemary ct. 1,8-cineole Essential Oil Organic Carrot Seed Aromatherapy Essential Oil

Three Thieves Essential Oil Blend Organic

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American College of Healthcare Sciences is a world-renowned accredited online college. Our mission is driven by the principles and vision of our president, Dorene Petersen, who founded the college in 1978 as a pioneer in holistic health education.

We award degrees, diplomas, certificates and microcredentials in Integrative Health, Aromatherapy, Holistic Nutrition, Herbal Medicine, and an MBA with Specializations in Integrative Health & Wellness and Sustainable Business.



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Fill out a form to request more information and one of our helpful admissions advisors will get in contact with you to discuss your educational goals.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Enjoy and share our free online Continuing
Education (CE) classes. We want to do all we
can to help during these difficult times and
have made these resources free. Together we
are amazingly strong, resilient, and educated!

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Free Ebook

View ACHS's guidance on essential oil safety and best practices in our Ebook Essential Oil Safety Guidelines.

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Holistic Health Blog

The ACHS blog, which made the <u>Best Holistic</u>

<u>Health Blogs of 2020</u> list, covers all aspects

of holistic health and wellness
Aromatherapy, Herbal Medicine, Holistic

Nutrition, Coaching, Wellness, and more!

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Enjoy these free essential oil blend recipes:

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CLEAR MIND ROLL ON

- Peppermint Mentha ×piperita (L.) oil: 5 drops
- Lavender Lavandula officinalis oil: 5 drops
- Eucalyptus Eucalyptus globulus oil: 5 drops
- Lemon Citrus limonum oil: 5 drops
- Carrier oil or blend of oils of your choice: 1
 Tablespoon (4 % dilution ratio)
- Blend the essential oils and carrier oil in a glass beaker or another glass container that is easy to pour from.
- Fill a 1 or 10ml roll-on bottle and roll on to any tight areas on your shoulders, neck, and temples. Do not get it near your eyes. If there is any blend left over, store it in a glass bottle or jar with a lid.

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If you are excited to try out these DIY blends, head over to the <u>Apothecary Shoppe</u> where we specialize in certified organic and pesticide-free essential oils and wellness supplies!