



# HAWTHORN UNIVERSITY

## CONSUMER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Name of Institution:** Hawthorn University

**Address:** 475 Hungry Gulch Road, Suite C, Whitethorn, CA 95589

**Year Founded:** 2002

**First Accredited:** January 25, 2019

**President and Chief Academic Officer:** Dorothy M. Germano, Ph.D.

### Accreditation and Agency Email Contact information:

Hawthorn University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), [www.deac.org](http://www.deac.org). The Accrediting Commission is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency and is a recognized member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Contact: [www.deac.org](http://www.deac.org). Distance Education Accrediting Commission, 1101 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 808, Washington, DC 20036. Tel: 202.234.5100 ext. 107 Fax: 202.332.1386 Email: [info@deac.org](mailto:info@deac.org)

Hawthorn is approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Approval to operate means the institution is compliant with the minimum standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Contact: BPPE, 1747 North Market, Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95833, [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov); toll-free telephone: (888) 370-7589 or by fax (916) 263-1897.

### Participation in Funding Programs:

Students enrolled in Hawthorn University are not eligible for federal financial aid programs. Some state vocational financial aid funds can be applied to Hawthorn. The California Department of Rehabilitation has funded Hawthorn students in the past, as have California employment insurers. Students may want to check with their state for information on educational grants programs and for private scholarships that may be available. Some employers have tuition remission policies.

Hawthorn students have participated in the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) program, a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses in high-growth, high-demand portable career fields. Additional information about this program can be found on the Hawthorn website in the Frequently Asked Questions area or by contacting the director of admissions.

## MISSION AND DESCRIPTION

### **Institution Mission Statement:**

Hawthorn University is dedicated to providing supportive, comprehensive, and professional education in the fields of holistic health, nutrition, and the health sciences through the utilization of distance education methods. Hawthorn offers online certificates, graduate and postgraduate degrees, and continuing education programs to a diverse community of adult learners working to enhance health and wellness around the world.

### **Areas of Special Focus:**

Holistic Nutrition, Holistic Health and Nutrition Education, Traditional Nutrition, Clinical Nutrition, Weston A. Price Philosophy.

### **Description of Institution:**

Hawthorn University offers online courses, programs and degrees in holistic nutrition education, clinical holistic nutrition.

### **Student Demographic Profile:**

Women who are twenty-five to fifty-four years old make up the majority of the student population. Students include many working adults and health professionals interested in holistic nutrition, some come to Hawthorn for personal wellbeing. Our target audience continues to be those interested in holistic health and nutrition.

**Degrees and Programs.** *Click on the link for course information.*

#### ***Degree Programs***

<https://hawthornuniversity.org/ACADEMICS/degree-programs.html>

- Master of Science in Health and Nutrition Education (MHNE)
- Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition (MSHN)
- Master of Science in Traditional Nutrition (MSTN)
- Doctor of Science in Holistic Nutrition (DSC)

#### ***Certificate Programs***

<https://hawthornuniversity.org/ACADEMICS/certificate-programs.html>

- Scientific Foundations of Holistic Nutrition (SFHN)
- Nutrition Consultant (NC)
- Holistic Health (HH)
- WISE Traditions Nutrition (WTNC)

### **Average Program Tuition/Cost per credit hour:**

Post Graduate Degree	\$400 per credit
Graduate Degree Programs	\$250 per credit
Certificate Programs	\$150 per credit
Continuing Education Courses	\$30 per course
Holistic Nutrition Electives	\$330 per course

## SUCCESS INDICATORS

Click on the following links for additional completion and graduation information

- School Performance Fact Sheet: <https://hawthorn.edu/hawthorn-university-school-performancefact-sheet/>
- BPPE Annual Report: <https://hawthorn.edu/bppe-annual-report-2017/>

Completion rates for 2019 courses:

Program	# of Courses Released	# of Courses Completed with Passing Grade	# of Courses with W or F Grade	% of Courses Completed Successfully
DSC	7	6	1	85.7%
MHNE	28	25	3	89.3%
MSHN	136	132	4	97.1%
MSTN	12	11	1	91.7%
NC	75	67	8	89.3%
SFHN	0	0	0	0.0%
WTNC	0	0	0	0.0%
HH	0	0	0	0.0%
OVERALL	258	241	17	93.4%

### Indicators of Success:

NANP reported that as of January 2020, 92% of Hawthorn Graduates that took the HNCB exam passed and became “board accredited in holistic nutrition.”

Hawthorn University 2019 Alumni Surveys received 8 valid responses from 28 invitations sent out.

- One hundred percent of respondents selected yes, “The program adequately prepared me for my present position.”
- One hundred percent of respondents indicated they had made progress towards completing the goals articulated when starting this program
- One hundred percent of respondents indicated they would recommend programs at Hawthorn University to a friend or an acquaintance
- One hundred percent of respondents indicated satisfaction with their course of study with Hawthorn.

End-of-Course Surveys are distributed to all enrolled students at the completion of a course.

**Recognitions:**

The National Association of Nutritional Professionals (NANP) has reviewed and recommends that Hawthorn graduates of the Nutrition Consultant certificate program, Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition, Master of Science in Health & Nutrition Education, Master of Science in Traditional Nutrition, and the Doctor of Science in Holistic Nutrition programs sit for the national board certification exam in Holistic Nutrition from the U.S. Holistic Nutrition Credentialing Board (HNCB). [www.hncb.org](http://www.hncb.org).

The International Organization of Nutritional Consultants (IONC) has recognized and approved the following Hawthorn programs. Graduates of the Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition and the Doctor of Science in Holistic Nutrition programs are now recognized as Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner (ROHP) and graduates of the Master of Health and Nutrition Education and the Nutrition Consultant programs may refer to themselves as Registered Nutritional Consultant Practitioners (RNCP).

Graduates of masters' or doctorate programs may apply for CCN board certification with the Clinical Nutrition Certification Board <https://www.cncb.org/>.

**Memberships:**

Hawthorn University and/or members of the Hawthorn University community sponsor or belong to the following associations:

- Alliance for Natural Health
- American Holistic Health Association
- American Society for Nutrition
- California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools
- International Organization of Nutritional Consultants
- National Association of Nutritional Professionals
- National Holistic Nutrition Credentialing Board
- Weston A. Price Foundation