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**MUIH Students Have Opportunity to Study with the American Herbalists Guild**

*LAUREL, Md.* – Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) and the American Herbalists Guild (AHG), a member-based association of herbal practitioners, have joined forces to educate students studying clinical herbalism. Both organizations believe that this agreement has the potential to advance the education and practice of herbal medicine in the nation.

The master's degree in herbal medicine at MUIH began in 2002 and remains the only graduate degree in the field offered from an accredited university. In 2013, the program became available in an online format and demand increased from across the US. The program's rigor remained, but the ability to provide meaningful and comprehensive clinical experiences from a distance was one of the biggest challenges. The innovative collaboration with AHG perfectly addresses this challenge.

The articulation agreement allows MUIH students in the master's degree to earn clinical hours by enrolling in the AHG Supervisory Mentoring Program. Through this program, students will be mentored and supervised by AHG Registered Herbalists as they work with clients, either in person or through the use of technology. The experiences and hours then articulate into .5 to 1.5 required academic credits.

The articulation agreement is effectively immediately and it is expected that students and AHG Registered Herbalists will begin working together by January 1, 2016.

**About Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH)**

Maryland University of Integrative Health is the leading accredited academic institution for integrative health in the nation. For nearly 40 years, MUIH has educated practitioners in health and wellness through transformative and relationship-centered programs that draw from traditional wisdom and contemporary science. MUIH offers graduate degrees and certificates both on campus and online in a wide range of health disciplines, as well as programs for professional and personal development. Currently, more than 1000 students from 30 states are enrolled in academic programs and 1900 alumni practice throughout the nation. The on-campus Natural Care Center offers compassionate and affordable healthcare from student interns and professional practitioners, delivering more than 35,000 clinical treatments a year. Visit <http://muih.edu> for more information.

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