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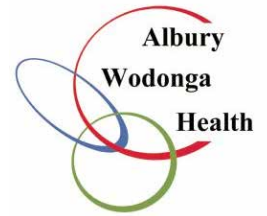
85 Department of Health and Human Services and some Victorian public hospital funded pharmacy internships are available through the 2020 matching process.

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ALBURY WODONGA HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Albury and Wodonga

Albury Wodonga Hospital was formed on 1 July 2009 when both Albury Base Hospital and Wodonga Regional Health Service were integrated. The Integrated hospital has approximately 270 beds.

Service at the Albury Campus includes Medical, Surgical, Paediatrics, ICU, Emergency, Oncology and Psychiatry.

Service at Wodonga campus include Medical, Rehabilitation, Close Observation Unit, Surgical, Obstetric, Special Care Nursery, Haemodialysis, Day Procedure Unit, Emergency Services and drug supply to regional hospitals.

The pharmacy department is modern with an open plan design. Current staffing levels are Pharmacist 9.4 EFT; Pharmacy technician 6.3 EFT and Pharmacy Pre-Registrant 2.0. The pre-registrant is involved with ward pharmacy, inpatient and outpatient dispensing, sterile and non-sterile manufacture, supply to regional hospitals and inventory control.

For more information visit www.awh.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions are available in 2020 (one Government plus one self-funded).

Intern rotations between campuses occur every two months.

The training program follows Practice Guidelines for Hospital Pharmacy trainee programs.

The pre-registrant is required to study three items each week and give a brief report.

Presentation of case studies from the ward to pharmacy staff, along with continuing education talks to nursing staff is encouraged.

Interns will have formal interaction with the tutor once a week and informal daily on-the-job training

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ALFRED HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: The Alfred

The Alfred is a major tertiary referral teaching hospital. It has a major role in the provision of specialist tertiary and quaternary services on a state-wide and national basis: Specialist areas include trauma, emergency and intensive care, comprehensive cancer services, blood diseases, melanoma, bone marrow transplant, respiratory medicine, cardiology/cardiovascular, neurosurgery, general and specialist surgery and medicine, psychiatry and diagnostic services. The Alfred's state-wide services include heart and lung replacement and transplantation, cystic fibrosis, burns, HIV/AIDS, haemophilia, sexual health and hyperbaric medicine.

Over 190 pharmacists and 30 support staff enable the Alfred Health Pharmacy department to provide a seven day a week, extended hour clinical pharmacy service incorporating a range of innovative services through five programs: Clinical Pharmacy Services, Quality Use of Medicines Services, Operational Services, Research, and Education.

For more information visit www.alfred.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Seven intern positions are available in 2020 (government funded)

The pharmacy department provides a comprehensive and modern intern training program at one of Australia's most renowned Clinical Pharmacy services.

Orientation – Every intern undergoes a one-week orientation and introduction to the overall department. Interns have a three-week clinical orientation rotation with their supervisor to develop essential skills in basic clinical pharmacy processes.

Rotations – Intern rotations are primarily based at The Alfred. Rotations include:

- **Operational rotations** (dispensaries and aseptic preparations): 9 weeks in total
- **Clinical rotations** (core): 10 weeks in General Medicine (includes rotation to Sandringham campus), 10 weeks in Surgery, 6 weeks in Cardiology, 5 weeks in Aged Care (includes rotation to Caulfield campus)
- **Clinical rotation** (elective): 6 weeks in a clinical area of intern choice
- **Medicines Information**: 2 weeks.

Support – Each intern is allocated a supervisor to provide guidance, advice and assistance with exam preparation. Interns are also allocated a mentor, senior pharmacist, to assist with the development of a research project.

Education Program – The education program delivers weekly intern education sessions on a range of clinical, primary care and exam preparation topics. Clinical sessions are presented by clinical pharmacists working specifically in the relevant clinical area.

Research and Governance portfolio – Each intern contributes toward a research project as well as governance in a specified portfolio. The aim is to give each intern an opportunity to develop research, leadership and administrative skills in a chosen speciality.

Practice Exams – Multiple practice exams are provided during the year to help interns become familiar with exam structure and questions. Four practice oral exams are run by the department under strict exam conditions to simulate the real environment.

Job description available here: www.alfredhealth.org.au/services/pharmacy-at-alfred-health/pharmacy-careers-and-education/pharmacy-internships

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AUSTIN HEALTH

Campuses where pharmacy intern will work: Austin Hospital, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre. Pharmacy interns work across all three campuses; however, they spend the majority of their time at the Austin campus.

Austin Health is a major Melbourne tertiary teaching institution of 980 beds (surgical, medical, psychiatric and rehabilitation) spread across 3 hospitals.

Speciality areas include liver, intestinal and renal transplant, oncology, haematology, cardiology, toxicology, emergency medicine, respiratory, cardio-thoracics, neurosciences, nephrology, endocrinology, orthopaedics, colorectal surgery, general surgery, gastroenterology, rheumatology, psychiatry, drug dependency, intensive care, paediatrics, spinal medicine, rehabilitation, infectious diseases, Hospital in the Home, dermatology, wound care etc.

For more information visit www.austin.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Ten intern positions are available in 2020 (seven government-funded, plus three hospital-funded)

Austin Health has a large pharmacy department consisting of approximately 90 pharmacists, 10 interns and 25 non-pharmacists working throughout the three hospitals. The range of speciality areas within the department include inpatient and outpatient clinical pharmacy services, clinical trials, hospital in the home, community liaison pharmacy, quality use of medicines, medicines information, emergency department, sterile and non-sterile manufacturing, oncology manufacturing and clinical education.

Our team of approachable, experienced senior pharmacists, together with our fresh young pharmacists, provides an extremely supportive and friendly working environment, which aims to motivate and challenge, and guarantees lots of fun and opportunities to learn.

To help out our younger pharmacists, Clinical Support Pharmacists team up with newly qualified and less experienced pharmacists to provide ongoing, personal, one-on-one support and guidance.

Half-hour 'Continuing Education' lectures presented each week by pharmacists help to maintain and build on clinical knowledge. In addition, the Clinical Pharmacy Educator and the Page 2 of 3 Pharmacy Intern Training Fact Sheet for Austin Health Clinical Support Pharmacists run clinical training sessions approximately every 8 weeks. The pharmacy also encourages staff to attend the weekly training meetings ranging from the medical grand round to unit meetings run by infectious diseases, cardiology etc.

For those interested, there are plenty of opportunities to become involved in research work within the Austin Health Pharmacy, as it is regularly undertaken and strongly encouraged.

The department supports a number of young staff to attend conferences and seminars. It also encourages young staff to participate in shaping the future of pharmacy practice through engagement in professional organisations such as the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia and International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) etc.

There are staff car parking options on all campuses that can be paid for directly from your salary. There are limited complimentary shuttle buses that run between Austin and Heidelberg Repatriation Campuses. There is also limited all-day parking available in nearby streets, within approximately ten minutes walking distance. The Austin hospital is well serviced by public transport with a major bus and train hub immediately opposite the hospital.

Salary packaging is available to all staff of Austin Health and this reduces the taxable income, resulting in increased take home pay.

Austin Hospital opened the 'Austin Tower' building in May 2005. This provides a different model of inpatient pharmacy care delivery with the introduction of three satellite pharmacies and a team approach to ward pharmacy. The Olivia Newton John Cancer and Wellness Centre opened in 2013 and provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services and support for Oncology and Haematology patients.

Pharmacy services located at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital support multiple subacute aged care wards as well as a new Surgery Centre. The department is incorporated into the outpatient clinic building to provide improved access to the pharmacy by patients.

Pharmacy services are located in a compact modern pharmacy at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre. This pharmacy supports spinal rehabilitation, non-geriatric rehabilitation, acquired brain injury, Rehabilitation in the Home and psychiatric services.

A hospital e-mail account is provided to all staff of the pharmacy with internet access freely available within the department.

Pharmacy practice:

- Clinical rotation – 80%
- Ward Rotation - 70% - Most ward rotations are five weeks long and vary in patient demographic and clinical pharmacy exposure. A unique part of the program involves a seven-week rotation on the intern ward where interns work independently, with limited supervision, to provide pharmaceutical care to the patients on the ward. This process enables them to develop skills for managing a ward alone and provides insight into their future role as clinical pharmacists.
- Dispensary (Outpatients and inpatients, including satellites) - 10%
- Other areas of pharmacy practice – 20%
- Retail exchange at a pharmacy of your choice (one week)
- Exchange to Mercy Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Page 3 of 3 Pharmacy Intern Training Fact Sheet for Austin Health
- Manufacturing, Medicines Information, and Quality Use of Medicines (QUM)

Educational activities:

- Twice-weekly tutorials given by either interns or staff within and outside the pharmacy department:
- Clinical topics (e.g. cardiology, oncology, diabetes, antibiotic therapy, renal and liver disease, respiratory devices, psychiatry, etc.*)
- OTC topics (e.g. cough and cold, eye care, gastro, analgesics, baby products, dermatology, smoking cessation, oral hygiene, etc.*)
- Pharmacy law

**not an exhaustive list*

Exam preparation:

- Practice forensic/calculation exams under exam conditions
- Prescription problem solving practice
- Practice oral exams within the intern group and one-on-one

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BALLARAT HEALTH SERVICES

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Ballarat Health Services and Queen Elizabeth Campus

Ballarat Health Services (BHS) is the largest regional health service in the Grampians region, employing approximately 4000 staff. It is the principal referral hospital for the region. Ballarat Health Services works to improve the health and wellbeing of its patients, their families and the community.

Ballarat Health Services comprises two campuses which include acute medical and surgical (224 beds), psychiatric services (67 beds), aged care assessment, palliative care, psycho-geriatric and rehabilitation (70 beds). The wide range of services available includes Emergency, Oncology/Palliative Care, Paediatrics and Neonatology, general and specialty Medical and Surgical services, Maternity and Outpatient clinics.

For more information visit www.bhs.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

Our structured training program provides interns with a wealth of learning opportunities to achieve their goal of becoming a registered pharmacist.

The program is designed to promote the highest level of clinical knowledge, dispensing and manufacturing accuracy and support for the transition from intern to registered pharmacist.

Each intern is assigned a preceptor for their year of training. A preceptor is a pharmacist with experience in mentorship and a passion for teaching and development. Interns are provided with a comprehensive training manual which outlines all the important components of the training year including; departmental procedures, roles and responsibilities of interns for each rotation, theory questions to assist with learning during rotations and tutorial questions.

Tutorials are provided regularly on a weekly basis throughout the year and include disease state, drug knowledge and primary health care topics plus extensive exam preparation including quiz sessions, one on one practice exams and take-home questions.

BHS also offers the Monash Intern Foundation program.

Interns spend time working in all areas of the BHS Pharmacy Department including;

- General clinical rotations (including general medicine, neurology, cardiology, oncology, general surgery, urology, gynaecology, orthopaedics and subacute services (including rehabilitation, geriatrics and palliative care))
- Specialty clinical rotations including ICU, ED, Paediatrics/Neonatology, Mental Health
- Inpatient, outpatient and oncology dispensaries (Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre)
- Extemporaneous and aseptic manufacturing
- Medication safety and antimicrobial stewardship

Feedback and goal setting sessions following each rotation encourage interns to progress their learning, self-reflect on practice and plan for continuing professional development opportunities.

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BARWON HEALTH

Campuses where pharmacy intern will mainly work: University Hospital Geelong and McKellar Centre

Barwon Health is one of the largest and most comprehensive regional health services in Australia, providing care at all stages of life and circumstance. Health services available through Barwon Health cover the full spectrum from emergency and acute to mental health, primary care, community services, aged care and subacute/rehabilitation. The two major sites are the University Hospital Geelong (acute) and McKellar Centre (subacute).

Barwon Health is a major education provider through its relationships with Deakin University, Melbourne University, Monash University, the Gordon and a number of other educational centres and universities.

The pharmacy department is staffed by approx. 103 EFT staff across University Hospital Geelong, McKellar Centre and the private hospital (St John of God). The Department provides clinical pharmacy services, aseptic and oncology preparation, HITH and outpatient services. Specialisation exists in clinical pharmacy roles, clinical trials, medication safety, medicines information, antimicrobial stewardship and radiopharmacy. Barwon Health pharmacists are essential members of clinical teams and have a critical role in safe medication management.

We are an enthusiastic, energetic team who work cohesively together. As a team we are focussed on providing the highest quality patient centred care. Everything we do centres our services on the patient and is guided by our driving values: Respect, Compassion, Commitment, Accountability and Innovation

For more information visit www.barwonhealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Five intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

The intern program is a balance of structured learning and practical training rotations. The program is divided into four sections:

- **Introduction to the pharmacy department and clinical services**
 - Approximately 15 weeks – rotations through clinical wards, dispensary, aseptic services, medicine information, medication safety, antimicrobial team
- **Clinical Pharmacy rotations**
 - Approximately 18 weeks – rotations through specialised ward services such as cardiology, renal, neurology, aged care, includes elective rotations (paediatrics, emergency, psychiatry, oncology)
- **Independence** (under supervision) is strongly encouraged towards the end of the intern year as interns will start to be integrated into pharmacy services

Other key features of the Barwon Health Intern Program:

- Dedicated education team lead by the Senior Pharmacist Education and Training and Intern Preceptor
- Individual mentors allocated to each intern to provide additional support
- Monash Intern Foundation Program credentialed site and educators
- Planned intern education meetings / tutorials held once weekly
- Case presentations – Interns are expected to contribute to the educational activities of the department
- Intern research project to provide experience in conducting research
- Dedicated preparation time for oral and written exams, including in-house practice exams
- Interns will be rostered to work half days on weekends (Saturday) on a rotational basis



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BASS COAST HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Bass Coast Health (Wonthaggi Hospital)

Bass Coast is one of Victoria's most popular regions to live and visit with over 180 kilometres of spectacular coastline, beautiful wilderness areas, scenic hinterland and a laid-back lifestyle. This region boasts isolated beaches, lush farmlands, nature parks, historical landmarks and much more making it one of Australia's most diverse and unique areas. The region is 86,414 hectares in size (864 km²), and the official population was 32,000 people in 2015.

Bass Coast is the fastest growing population outside of the Metro region and has an ageing population, with 30% being 60 years plus.

Bass Coast Health is the major public healthcare provider within the Bass Coast Shire in South Gippsland. It is an integrated health service providing a range of acute, sub-acute, ancillary medical, aged and ambulatory care services.

BCH is equipped to offer a broad range of specialist medical, surgical and obstetric services including orthopaedics, ophthalmology, gynaecology, paediatrics, urology and rehabilitation.

The Hospital is located at the Wonthaggi campus and currently has a combined Medical & Surgical Ward with up to 30 beds and a sub-acute ward with up to up to 25 beds offering GEM, Rehab, Transitional Care & palliative care beds. The hospital has a busy emergency department and also offers Hospital in the Home, Medical Day Unit and will soon introduce cancer services.

Bass Coast Health Website: www.gha2.net.au/bch

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded)

Pharmacy Department

The Pharmacy Department has a staff base of 4 pharmacists (1 full time, 3 part-time) and 3 part-time pharmacy technicians, offering a range of services including:

- Clinical Pharmacy services to Acute medical & surgical, sub-acute GEM, Rehabilitation, palliative care
- Oncology/Haematology weekly service to commence June 2019
- Coordinating medication supply for Hospital in the Home & Medical Day Unit
- Provision of consumer medicines information & education activities to patients and patient groups, including falls prevention, cardiac rehabilitation, and pulmonary groups.
- Provision of medicines education sessions to other health professionals
- Outpatient dispensing including section 100 prescriptions.

Intern Training Program

BCH will be offering one intern training position in 2020. This will be the first time that our Pharmacy Department has offered an intern training position.

Education in 2020 will be in collaboration with Latrobe Regional Hospital, with the option for a 2 week placement at LRH Pharmacy Department.

Tutorials will be held weekly and will cover an extensive range of clinical, legal and OTC topics. The intern will have a preceptor and mentor throughout the intern year.

The intern will be rotated through the acute and sub-acute clinical areas to allow integration into the clinical pharmacy service, development of skills, as well as regular dispensary duties.

The intern will have opportunity for participation with one of the local community pharmacies to consolidate OTC and clinical skills developed in tutorials rotations throughout the year.

Interns are encouraged to participate in multidisciplinary education events throughout the year to build rapport and partnerships with other professionals e.g. Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health.

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BENDIGO HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: The Bendigo Hospital

Bendigo Health is a large, progressive regional healthcare organisation in central Victoria. It is a multi-campus facility with teaching links to most major universities in Melbourne and beyond. Bendigo Health has over 3700 staff working in the care of acute, aged, rehabilitation, community and psychiatric patients from the Loddon Mallee Region – a catchment area of 25% of the landmass of the state of Victoria.

Bendigo Health's pharmacy department has a significant role in the provision of education and training of students and graduates through placements, lectures and continuing education activities.

For more information visit www.bendigohealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

The intern program is orientated to provide comprehensive, rounded training in all aspects of hospital pharmacy practice. In a small department there are great opportunities for one-on-one interaction with supervisors and good support for sharing ideas and information gathering. The intern is rotated through a range of areas and pharmacy practice disciplines from an institutional aspect. These include:

- **Clinical Services:** orientation and training in the provision of ward-based pharmacy services, therapeutic drug monitoring, drug information, establishment of protocols and procedures for quality use of medicines. Overview of drug use evaluation exercises to ensure appropriateness of therapies. Participation in the intervention program and an understanding of the importance of evaluating particular activities to ensure quality outcomes.
- **Dispensing:** All aspects of dispensing for inpatient and outpatient settings. Establishing an understanding of the principles of dispensing in terms of identifying patient needs from a pharmaceutical care perspective. Provide assistance with counselling and provision of information leaflets and medication profiles tailored for specific individual patient needs.
- **Manufacturing:** Inclusive of aseptic dispensing and compounding facilities.
- **Education and training:** Participate in health-promotion activities such as cardiac rehabilitation, in-service education activities, case presentation, intern education on relevant pharmacy related matters.
- **Medication Safety:** An area in our department, responsible for the quality use of medicines with a patient safety focus. This includes performing departmental and organisational audits, reporting to Therapeutic Goods of Australia, updating hospital policies and health promotion.
- **Stock control:** all aspects of procurement, distribution, receipting, contracts, stock usage, relevant reports, stockholdings, critical stock-turns, budgeting, recall processes.
- **SAS drugs/Clinical trials:** Understanding and responsibilities of such programs required of trials and SAS drugs.
- **Administration:** Understanding of management issues inclusive managing staffing resources (recruitment, retention, succession planning etc) and the operations of a service from an organisational perspective (including budgeting, business plans etc) and from a local or individual department service such as the monitoring of performance in the delivery of services to select areas.

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CENTRAL GIPPSLAND HEALTH SERVICE

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Sale Campus (with day trips to external sites at Maffra, Heyfield and Yarram as required)

Central Gippsland Health is a multi-campus health facility providing acute inpatient, community and residential aged care services. Between Sale and Maffra there are approximately 100 acute beds including critical care, surgical, obstetric, paediatric, medical and rehabilitation beds and 80 residential aged care beds.

The pharmacy department has a staff of 12 people made up of seven pharmacists, four technicians and one intern pharmacist. Providing a broad range of services from a small department requires a flexible structure and strong commitment to working as a team, both within the department and in the multidisciplinary environment. We currently provide services to Sale Hospital (primary place of practice for intern), Maffra District Hospital, Heyfield Hospital and Yarram District Health Service

The pharmacy department is based at the Sale campus, in regional Victoria. Sale is close to the Gippsland Lakes, alpine regions and 20 minutes to the beach. The hospital is close to schools and the centre of town and has a thriving Social Club ... not to mention free parking!

For more information visit www.cghs.com.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded).

At Sale, we encourage our intern to drive their own learning with the assistance of their preceptor and all members of the department. Our intern can take advantage of the close-knit team to learn from pharmacists with a range of experience. You will gain exposure to:

- Clinical pharmacy rotations including general medical, general surgical, rehabilitation, maternity and paediatrics, critical care and day oncology
- Dispensary rotation including inpatient, outpatient and discharge prescriptions
- Manufacturing of extemporaneous preparations
- Experience in stock control with responsibility for the After-Hours Pharmacy cupboard including daily checks, supply of stock, expiry checks and stock rotation
- Community pharmacy placement

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EASTERN HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy interns will work: Interns will be based at Angliss Hospital, Box Hill Hospital or Maroondah Hospital as their home site, with rotations across five of the Eastern Health campuses

Eastern Health is the second largest of Victoria's 18 Public Health Services and the main provider of health services to people in the east, outer east and Yarra Ranges areas of metropolitan Melbourne. The organisation has five main campuses from which pharmacy services are provided (Angliss Hospital, Box Hill Hospital, Maroondah Hospital, Peter James Centre and Wantirna Health) as well as Healesville Hospital and Yarra Valley Health, Yarra Ranges Health Day Hospital, and Hospital-In-The-Home (HITH).

Eastern Health provides services to a range of acute specialties including cardiology, oncology, haematology, intensive care, emergency medicine, neurology, obstetrics, nephrology, general medicine, paediatrics and a range of specialist medicine and surgery. In addition, services are provided to sub-acute, mental health and community health services from over 50 sites.

Eastern Health Pharmacy provides the Partnered Pharmacist Medication Charting (PPMC) model of care, expanding the pharmacists' role in medication management and reducing medication error rates. Pharmacy interns will be supported by Senior Pharmacists across a range of specialties, including a Senior General Medicine Pharmacist, a Senior Theatre/Peri-Operative Pharmacist (surgical team leader) and Specialty Medicine Senior Pharmacists. Eastern Health is proud to be involved in the SHPA Residency Program and also supports one pharmacy fellowship position in Cancer Services.

For more information visit www.easternhealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Five intern positions are available in 2020 (four government-funded, plus one hospital-funded)

The Eastern Health intern training program is a combined network intern program which includes:

Joint weekly didactic tutorials covering a range of topics (including OTC). To encourage participation, interns will be asked to prepare content to facilitate these sessions.

Practical hands-on training including rotations in the outpatient and inpatient dispensary, aseptic manufacturing training, general introduction to clinical trials, procurement and imprest maintenance. Clinical rotations across Eastern Health covering: infectious diseases/antimicrobial stewardship, renal, general medicine, general surgery, cardiology, psychiatry, quality use of medicine, rehabilitation and palliative care. Elective rotations include Intensive Care, Oncology/Haematology and Anaesthetics/Pain Management/Surgery & Perioperative Medicines.

Oral and APC written exam preparation.

2020 pharmacy interns will be based at Box Hill (2), Maroondah (2) or Angliss (1) hospitals. In addition, each site has a local rotation program relevant to the services at each site. Eastern Health will continue to offer the Monash Intern Foundation Program.

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ECHUCA REGIONAL HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Echuca Regional Health

Echuca Regional Health (ERH) is located approximately 180 kilometres directly north of Melbourne in the Shire of Campaspe (Vic) and adjacent to the community of Moama (NSW). Echuca-Moama is on the banks of the Murray River in an area vibrant with agriculture, tourism and secondary industry.

Pharmacy services are provided to the following areas: general medical and surgical, high dependency, paediatrics, maternity, emergency, oncology, renal dialysis, rehabilitation, palliative care, pharmacotherapy. There is also dispensing for non-hospital patients for medications such as clozapine. Three smaller hospitals in the area receive a pharmacy service from ERH.

The hospital was an early adopter of electronic medication management (MedChart) and has developed an interface between this system and automated dispensing cabinets (MedDispense).

For more information visit www.erh.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions are available in 2020 (government funded).

The structured program provides interns with many learning opportunities and the understanding that we are providing training for them to become the best pharmacist they can be; not only to be successful in their intern exams. The program promotes accurate dispensing, gaining clinical knowledge in a variety of settings, support in their new role and preparedness for when they register as a pharmacist. The emphasis is on team collaboration for patient centred care.

Our preceptor is experienced in this role and utilises their experience as a senior clinical pharmacist. Interns are provided with a comprehensive training calendar, which outlines the learning plan and tutorial roster.

Interns will spend time in all areas of the ERH Pharmacy Department and in areas that the department service, including:

- General clinical rotations
- Specialist clinical rotations
- Inpatient and outpatient dispensing
- Extemporaneous and aseptic manufacturing
- Medication safety and drug information including drug use evaluation and quality improvement activities
- Patient education sessions with Community Services

The interns will have a weekly meeting with the preceptor to discuss their progress challenges and achievements and plan their continuing professional development. Extensive assistance is available for both the written and oral registration exams in the form of practice exams, take home exams and quizzes. Either the Monash University or PSA programme may be chosen.

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GOULBURN VALLEY HEALTH

Campuses where pharmacy intern will work: Shepparton, Seymour

GV Health is a leader in healthcare delivery in the Hume Region located at Shepparton, Tatura and Rushworth. The main campus in Shepparton is the major acute referral hospital for the sub region. Additional sites are also located in Shepparton, Seymour, Benalla, Cobram, Echuca and Wodonga. GV Health provides a range of acute, subacute, mental health, aged, primary health and community services across the Goulburn Sub-Region within the Hume Region.

The Shepparton Campus has 280 beds - providing acute medical, surgical, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatric, rehabilitation, intensive care, emergency care, mental health and geriatric care. Goulburn Valley Health has additional campuses, including Tatura, Waranga, Seymour (Community Psychiatric Service) and a Community Health building in Shepparton (Hospital in the Home, diabetes education, continence and aged care assessment, home based nursing and allied health).

GV Health are currently undergoing a \$169 million redevelopment, this redevelopment will include a new renal dialysis unit, an expanded emergency department including satellite medical imaging, inpatient wards, extended theatre space, intensive care unit, and the establishment of a Women's and Children's precinct featuring a new, special care nursery, paediatric ward and refurbished maternity ward.

For more information visit www.gvhealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded)

The newly developed Pharmacy Intern Program will be divided in three areas - Dispensary, Manufacturing/OTC and Clinical. We will have two nominated preceptors for to provide one-on-one supervision the first three to four weeks of each rotation. At GV Health, we value education to pharmacy intern - all qualified pharmacists will take turn to participate in intern training, supervision and share ideas. As the pharmacy intern develops, skills he/she is assessed as competent by the supervisor to the training records signed to indicate attainment. The preceptors and intern will have ongoing formative assessment and feedback sessions throughout the intern year, which may help to modify teaching and learning activities so that better learning outcomes can be achieved by the interns. In May/June, the intern will participate actively in Health Promotion Project in GV Health and assist the preparation of the Annual Regional Weekend Meeting for Pharmacy Interns and Early Stage Career Pharmacists.

In GV Health, we also have an Allied Health (Sciences) Clinical Educator helps mentor and provides education opportunities and regular reflective practice discussion group for Pharmacy Interns to join - topics such as Dealing with conflicts, Resilience, Dealing with death/patient deterioration, Time Management, Professionalism and Accountability, etc. will be provided to ensure on Pharmacy Interns will have support other than just from the Pharmacy Department

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GRAMPIANS REGIONAL INTERNSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BALLARAT HEALTH SERVICES

Campuses at which pharmacy interns will work:

Ballarat Health Services - Ballarat Base Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Centre

Djerriwarrh Health Services - Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospitals

Maryborough District Health Service - Maryborough Hospital

West Wimmera Health Service - Nhill Hospital

For more information about the hospitals:

Ballarat Health Services Website: www.bhs.org.au

Djerriwarrh Health Services Website: www.djhs.org.au/home

Maryborough District Health Service: www.mdhs.vic.gov.au

West Wimmera Health Service: www.wwhs.net.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position available in 2020 (government-funded)

This is an exciting opportunity to explore the spectacular Grampians region of Victoria whilst undertaking a supported, collaborative and innovative hospital pharmacy internship.

Program Overview

A comprehensive 3-month orientation program will be provided at BHS focusing on the provision of clinical pharmacy services, dispensary services and manufacturing (extemporaneous and aseptic).

Three x 4-week rotations will occur at participating Grampians regional sites throughout the year, focusing on delivery of clinical pharmacy services, attendance at multidisciplinary and committee meetings, drug distribution and provision of education to community groups. Tailored learning plans will be provided for each rotation.

At BHS, rotations will incorporate all aspects of the Pharmacy Department services including general and specialty clinical rotations, Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre, medication safety, antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) and opportunities to assist with research projects under supervision.

The Grampians regional intern will be allocated an individual preceptor who is a BHS pharmacist and credentialed Monash University Clinical Pharmacy Educator.

Weekly tutorials will be provided by BHS pharmacists with attendance facilitated via videoconferencing during Grampians regional rotations. Tutorial topics include disease states, drug classes and primary health care. Extensive assistance with preparation for both the written and oral registration examinations will occur throughout the year.

BHS is a Monash University Intern Foundation Program (IFP) credentialed workplace.

All Grampians regional sites provide access to hospital accommodation if needed.

Applicants for this internship should hold a driver's license and be willing to travel to and from their placement sites.

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LA TROBE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: La Trobe Regional Hospital in Traralgon West

Latrobe Regional Hospital is a modern 289-bed fully integrated hospital providing a broad range of services that includes medical and surgical units, emergency, mother and baby unit, paediatrics, radiation oncology as well as mental health. LRH treats about 130,000 people every year and is a teaching hospital affiliated with Monash University's School of Rural Health and Federation University.

For more information www.lrh.com.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Three intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

The pharmacy department has a complement of 40 staff offering a comprehensive range of services that include:

- Clinical Pharmacy services to ICU, medical, surgical, orthopaedics, rehabilitation, paediatrics and mental health and emergency
- Oncology services and aseptic manufacturing
- Management of medications for haemodialysis and day procedure patients
- Medicines information service, management and supply of clozapine for patients across the Gippsland region
- Weekly clinical educational meetings
- Provision of education to other clinicians including medical and nursing staff
- Education of patient groups, e.g. heart failure rehabilitation program
- Clinical audits
- Hospital in the Home
- Pharmacy services to smaller regional hospitals and a private hospital.

The internship program includes:

- Tutorials held weekly and cover an extensive range of clinical, legal and OTC topics.
- Each intern is assigned to an individual preceptor and mentor throughout the intern year.
- Clinical rotations are between 4-6 weeks under the supervision of experienced pharmacists allowing integration into the clinical pharmacy service and development of skills
- Sponsored participation in a two-week community pharmacy placement to consolidate OTC and clinical skills developed in tutorials and rotations throughout the year.
- Interns are encouraged to participate in departmental Clinical and Journal Club meetings to build and extend knowledge in a team environment.
- Multidisciplinary events are held throughout the year to build rapport and partnerships with other health professionals.

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Mercy Health

Care first

MERCY HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Mercy Health

Mercy Hospital for Women is a fully accredited Level 6 Public Specialist Teaching Hospital providing both public and private patient care through maternity services, neonatology and paediatrics, perioperative services, gynaecology, women's health and associated health, support and diagnostic services. We are a major teaching hospital and specialist referral centre with the medical, nursing, midwifery and allied health expertise to treat the most complex obstetric, neonatal and gynaecological cases.

Werribee Mercy Hospital is a General Public Hospital located in the rapidly growing Western suburbs of Melbourne. Our services include surgical, medical, maternity, newborn, renal dialysis, emergency, mental health, rehabilitation, aged and palliative care. The hospital has recently undergone significant expansion with the opening of our new intensive care unit, additional operating theatres and the opening of two new wards, taking the total number of beds to 298.

Mercy Health is a Catholic organisation employing over 8500 people who provide compassionate and holistic care through acute hospitals, aged care facilities, mental health programs, palliative and respite services, maternity and women's health services, early parenting services and home care services.

For more information visit www.mercyhealth.com.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded)

Approximate time spent in different areas:

Clinical Rotation ~ 80% - Ward Rotation ~ 70% - The intern pharmacist will undertake ward rotations with an experienced clinical pharmacist to learn and develop the skills of clinical pharmacy. Dispensary (Outpatients and inpatients) ~ 30%

Other Areas of Pharmacy Practice ~ 20%

Community Pharmacy Exchange at a pharmacy of your choice (one week)

Exchange to Austin Hospital (two weeks)

Educational activities:

Twice-weekly tutorials given by staff via the Austin pharmacy department:

Clinical topics (such as cardiology, oncology, diabetes, antibiotic therapy, renal and liver disease, respiratory devices, mental health).

Over the counter (OTC) topics (such as cough and cold, eye care, gastroenteritis, analgesics, baby products, dermatology, smoking cessation, oral hygiene). Pharmacy law

Exam preparation Includes: Practice pharmacy law & calculation exams under exam conditions. Prescription problem solving practice. Practice oral exams within the intern group and one-on-one.

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MILDURA BASE HOSPITAL

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Mildura Base Hospital

Mildura Base Hospital is a 165-bed (level 1) tertiary teaching hospital, owned and operated by Ramsay Health Care in partnership with the Victorian Government. Mildura Base Hospital provides public hospital services to the community of Mildura and surrounding Sunraysia region. The hospital has teaching and research links with Monash University and La Trobe University.

The pharmacy department is staffed by eight pharmacists, one intern and two technicians. Our hours of service are 8:30am to 5pm weekdays, 9am-1pm Saturday, and 9.30am-12.30pm Sunday and public holidays. An on-call service is also provided. Pharmacy services are provided to all areas of the hospital, including inpatient and outpatient services. Clinical pharmacy services are provided to the general medical and surgical wards, paediatrics, ICU, emergency and short stay unit, aged care and rehabilitation, palliative care, mental health ward, as well as the chemotherapy and dialysis day unit. The Director of Pharmacy is part of the hospital governance team, and participates in the Safety and Quality Committee, the Patient Care Review Committee, Infection Control and Prevention Committee, and the Medication Safety Committee.

For more information visit www.mildurabase.com.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded)

Mildura Base Hospital is an accredited site for interns wishing to undertake the Intern Foundation Program in conjunction with the Intern Training Program through Monash University. Intern pharmacists are exposed to all aspects of pharmacy practice during their intern program at Mildura Base Hospital and the development of clinical skills is supported by multiple pharmacists who are accredited Monash University Pharmacy Clinical Educators. The intern program is tailored to suit individual intern's learning and professional strengths and weaknesses to support the intern to achieve registration and skills required as a pharmacist.

The Ramsay Pharmacy Group has a centralised intern program implemented across Australia to supplement site-led activities. The intern training program is designed to provide sound and comprehensive training in pharmacy practice and hospital pharmacy services.

The program has regular tutorials run for all interns, covering key clinical and practical topics over the year. The centralised program also provides a fantastic support network of colleagues for the intern across the country.

Intern Duties

The intern is involved in all aspects of the pharmacy service, from dispensary, all clinical areas and non-clinical services. They are also involved in the weekend pharmacy service on a rotating roster (approx. every fourth weekend).

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MONASH HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy interns will work: Monash Medical Centre Clayton Hospital, Monash Medical Centre Dandenong Hospital, Kingston Hospital, Moorabbin Hospital, Casey Hospital, Monash Children's Hospital

Monash Health is Victoria's largest public health service. We provide healthcare to one quarter of Melbourne's population, across the entire lifespan from new-borns and children, to adults, the elderly, their families and carers. Monash Health includes Monash Medical Centre, Monash Children's Hospital, Moorabbin Hospital, Dandenong Hospital, Casey Hospital, Kingston Centre, Cranbourne Centre and several rehabilitation, aged care, community and mental health services.

The integration of the various hospital pharmacy departments into a single department has created a large, dynamic organisation, which offers many opportunities. The pharmacy department also provides services to Jessie McPherson Private Hospital and Sir John Monash Private Hospital.

For more information visit www.monashhealth.org

About the pharmacy intern training program

Eleven intern positions are available in 2020 (ten government plus one self-funded).

The Monash Health Pharmacy Department provides a structured intern training program which includes orientation to each pharmacy practice area and learning objectives and assessments for each rotation. Monash Health participates in the Monash University Intern Foundation Program. This program recognises the high-quality workplace learning offered by Monash Health and, together with the Monash University Intern Training Program, enables intern pharmacists to complete a Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice by the conclusion of their intern training year.

Intern pharmacists are rotated through each pharmacy practice area and are rostered for weekend and late shift work. The program places great emphasis on active learning. Weekly tutorials are given by expert pharmacists or visiting speakers and cover a wide range of topics including medication management, patient counselling and communication, hospital administration, clinical trials, dermatology, cardiology, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, oncology, thalassaemia, podiatry, infectious diseases, respiratory, geriatric medicine, paediatric medicine and primary health care.

Intern pharmacists are rostered to ward/unit based clinical pharmacy services during their 48 weeks training. Particular emphasis is placed on the development of clinically orientated skills. The program also provides experiential training in Quality Use of Medicines, Medicines Information, Dispensary, Compounding and Medication Review services. During the year, intern pharmacists undertake individual projects and will be required to make several presentations, including a case study, to the Pharmacy Department staff.

Intern pharmacists are required to undertake the Monash University Intern Training Program. Enrolment in the Monash University Intern Foundation Program is highly recommended.

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NORTHEAST HEALTH WANGARATTA

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Wangaratta Hospital

Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW) is a leading Victorian rural health service providing hospital and health care to more than 90,000 people across North East Victoria.

NHW is the major referral facility for patients with complex health needs from Bright, Mansfield, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Yarrawonga, and Benalla.

Around 3 hours' drive or train ride from central Melbourne, Wangaratta is the rural city in the centre of a beautiful part of the state. Within an hour of Wangaratta are the wine and gourmet regions of Rutherglen, Oxley, Milawa and the King Valley, the historical towns of Beechworth, Glenrowan and Benalla, and the beauty of Myrtleford, Bright and Mount Buffalo. Albury/Wodonga and the Murray River's beaches are less than an hour's drive away, the Victorian ski resorts of Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Falls Creek are within easy reach for a day trip to the snow, and the nearby bushwalking trails of the Warby Ranges are on your doorstep.

There are weekend festivals throughout the year across the northeast, with plenty to keep you active & entertained during your time in Wangaratta.

For more information visit www.northeasthealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions are available in 2020 (hospital-funded)

Northeast Health Wangaratta's Pharmacy Department is a team of 22 pharmacists, interns, technicians & administrative staff.

Interns have a weekly roster and rotate every four weeks to clinical areas including Medical, Surgical, Critical Care, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Paediatrics, Perioperative Care Clinic, Emergency, Hospital in the Home, Dispensary, Sterile Manufacturing & Oncology, Operating Theatres, Medication Safety and Antimicrobial Stewardship.

In addition to clinical rotations, our interns are allocated a clinical load, and are responsible for delivering the pharmacy service to our Maternity Ward (6 beds), or Day Stay Unit (6 beds) throughout the year, providing opportunity for development of their prioritisation and time management skills.

Training and education is provided during working hours, supported by pharmacist mentors and credentialed Clinical Pharmacy Educators. There are weekly rostered tutorials from pharmacists throughout the year, including plenty of OTC and practice exams.

Time is also allocated to visiting areas such as Pathology, Dialysis and Radiology.

We also offer intern pharmacists the opportunity to complete a Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice during their intern year at NHW, via the Intern Foundation Program offered by Monash University's Faculty of Pharmacy.

If you're looking for an internship year that will be stimulating, challenging, exciting, well supported, and a bit of fun, then we're very interested in helping you apply your knowledge, & develop your skills & expertise in hospital pharmacy.

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Northern Health

NORTHERN HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: The Northern Hospital, Broadmeadows Hospital, Bundoora Extended Care Centre, Craigieburn Health Service

Hospital information

Northern Health is the major provider of acute, sub-acute and ambulatory specialist services in Melbourne's north. Across our campuses we provide a range of primary, secondary and some tertiary health care services. Each year our emergency department treats over 100,000 patients and we deliver over 3,750 babies.

The Northern Health catchment includes three of the state's six growth areas: Hume, Whittlesea and Mitchell, and the Northern growth corridor population is projected to grow by 59 per cent between 2016 and 2031.

In May 2017, Northern Health welcomed the largest investment in health for Melbourne's northern community. The Victorian Government's announcement of \$162.7m in funding from the State Budget will see Northern Health's tower grow an additional four storeys. More state-of-the-art facilities and services will ensure patients are treated locally and in a timely manner. We are increasing our services and capacity to improve access and meet the growing demands of the northern community.

Department Information

Northern Health has a pharmacy department consisting of approximately 50 pharmacists, 4 interns and 16 technician supporting staff working throughout the four campuses.

The range of specialty areas within the department include:

- Inpatient and outpatient clinical pharmacy services, including haematology, oncology, renal, hepatitis C, emergency department, hospital in the home, palliative care, cardiology, respiratory, stroke/neurology, geriatric medicine, mental health, general surgery, intensive care, paediatrics, neonatal and maternity services, infectious disease and antimicrobial stewardship.
- Clinical trials
- Sterile and non-sterile manufacturing
- Clinical education and research
- Quality Use of Medicines

Our team consists of the good mix of approachable, experienced senior pharmacists, together with our fresh young pharmacists. This provides an extremely supportive and friendly working environment, which aims to motivate and challenge, thus creating opportunities to learn.

The Pharmacy department is open from 0830 till 1730 on weekdays and 0900 till 1200 on weekends/public holidays. An average working week consists of 40 hours and interns work weekends and public holidays on a rotation of about one in four weeks which contribute to registration hours. Interns are also entitled to an accrued day off each month.

For more information visit www.nh.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Four intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded).

Rotations: Interns will be rotated between clinical roles (approx. 75%), dispensary (approx. 12.5%) and manufacturing (approx. 12.5%). There will also be rotations to our sub-acute sites including Broadmeadows Hospital and Bundoora Extended Care Centre. Ward rotations include medical wards, surgical wards, emergency department, psychiatric ward, and coronary care unit. Interns will be working under the supervision of experienced pharmacists, who will aid the interns in developing their clinical skills and knowledge.



Northern Health

Interns will also have opportunities to communicate with other health professionals involved in the patient's care and be involved in the multi-disciplinary team.

Tutorials: Tutorials are conducted weekly on a wide range of topics, including clinical data, therapeutic drug monitoring, drug interactions, PBS and pharmacy law, clinical topics and OTC topics. Tutorials may be given by the intern coordinator or another senior pharmacist.

Support: Each intern is allocated a dedicated Mentor, who is a recently registered pharmacist familiar with the intern training year and the expectations for exam preparations. The interns have weekly meetings with their mentor, to improve their drug knowledge and discuss any clinical or operational questions the intern may have. The interns also have the Intern Training Program Coordinator, who supports the interns throughout the year and coordinates tutorials, practice exams and required documentation for Board and ITP assessments. The majority of staff within the department are involved in assisting the interns throughout the year.

Exams: Interns will undertake practice exams for both the written (in group) and oral (one-on-one) exams.

Northern Health offers the Intern Foundation Program, which enables interns to obtain a Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice from Monash University by recognising workplace learning.

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PENINSULA HEALTH

Campuses at which pharmacy interns will work: Pharmacy interns will mainly work at Frankston Hospital but will be rotated for 1 week at each of the subacute campuses at the Golf Links Rd & at the Mornington Centre

Peninsula Health is a major teaching facility associated with major Victorian Universities. The Acute hospitals have a total of 591-beds at Frankston and Rosebud. Specialties include Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, ICU and Thoracic Medicine, Anaesthesia, Pathology, Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatric, Oncology, Neurology, Renal Dialysis, and Cardiology.

In addition to general dispensing and clinical ward pharmacy services, Peninsula Health also provides the following services: Drug Trials, Sterile Preparations, Oncology Day Clinic, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, Drug Utilisation Review, Antimicrobial Stewardship, and In-service Education for Medical and Nursing Staff. There is also a comprehensive medication safety program supervised by a senior pharmacist.

More recently we have implemented a pharmacist driven reconciliation and medication charting service for newly admitted medical patients and aligning clinical pharmacy service with the clinical units. The department has a dedicated clinical educator who assists interns during their training program and oversees the Intern Foundation Program (IFP). At the end of the internship there is an opportunity for a further 12-month pharmacy residency program.

For more information visit www.peninsulahealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Three intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded).

Interns will have a 2-4 weekly roster throughout the year including ward rotations, manufacturing and dispensary duties enabling experience and exposure to different wards and clinical settings.

Ward rotations allow interns to explore and familiarise themselves with medications and medical conditions in oncology, respiratory, cardiology, surgical, medical, psychiatry, rehabilitation and aged care units. Interns are also encouraged to be involved in patient care, pharmacy interventions and liaising with medical and nursing staff as well as external pharmacies and nursing homes.

Dispensary rotation provides interns the opportunity with involvement in outpatient counselling, dispensing and dealing with simple drug information enquiries. In addition, during the dispensary rotation, interns will get a chance to further develop their skills in extemporaneous manufacturing for both inpatients and outpatients.

Selection Criteria:

Our preferred candidates are tertiary pharmacy students in Victoria who are looking for a career in hospital. All applicants are obliged to complete the immunisation requirements for tertiary health students, current Police Check and Working with Children Check. Applicants must be Australian Citizens or hold a permanent residency in Australia to qualify for government funded positions.

Benefits & Assistance Offered:

Onsite parking

Medical library within the hospital

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PETER MACCALLUM CANCER CENTRE

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

As Australia's foremost Cancer Centre, Peter Mac provides quality treatment and support to patients and their families. Underpinned by research and the best evidence available, Peter Mac broadly influences cancer care in the community through multi-disciplinary partnerships, research and education.

The pharmacy provides a comprehensive service to Peter Mac patients and supports other members of the healthcare team in all aspects of medicine management. Inpatient care is provided through three wards specialising in haematology, lung, head and neck, sarcoma, gastrointestinal, gynaecology and a range of other tumour streams. Outpatient care is provided through the chemotherapy day unit, apheresis, medical day unit, specialist clinics and clinical trials. Pharmacists also work within specialist teams such as pain, palliative care, infectious diseases, clinical trials and quality use of medicine (QUM).

Intern rotations provide a unique opportunity for development of knowledge in this fascinating area covering clinical and dispensing roles as well as the practical skills of sterile manufacturing.

In addition to consolidating these essential pharmacy skills, interns will have the opportunity to be involved in medicines information, clinical trials, quality use of medicines projects, aseptic manufacturing, multidisciplinary team meetings and various educational programs. The pharmacy department team consists of 55 pharmacists, 26 technicians and 3 support staff. During the year, the interns will receive attention and input from all the staff, providing a broad support system.

For more information visit www.petermac.org

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions are available in 2020 (government funded).

Why choose Peter Mac for your intern year?

- Working with a dedicated and enthusiastic pharmacy team that includes leaders in the field of clinical pharmacy and oncology practice
- Clinically focused program with rotations to all wards, the dispensary, medicines information, sterile unit and chemotherapy day unit
- Weekly tutorials covering a wide range of general clinical pharmacy topics and OTC treatments
- Weekly continuing education sessions with opportunities for interns to present to the group
- Not required to work weekends and after hours, which allows a good work / study balance
- As one of only two or three interns, you get undivided attention from senior pharmacy staff
- Participate in a QUM project with opportunities for publication and conference attendance
- Salary packaging and accrued days off (ADOs)

In 2016, Peter Mac moved to Parkville providing interns the opportunity to work in a new world-class comprehensive cancer centre and collaborate more closely with VCCC precinct partners. Oncology is a specialty which is rapidly growing, and pharmacists' input has a significant impact on patient care. The broad exposure to pharmacy practice in a multidisciplinary team setting means an internship at Peter Mac will provide you with a valuable start to a career in any field of pharmacy.

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SOUTH WEST HEALTHCARE WARRNAMBOOL

Campuses at which pharmacy interns will work: Warrnambool campus of South West Healthcare, with a 6-week rotation during the intern year to Colac Area Health

With a total of 216 acute beds SWH services a population in excess of 110,000. The Warrnambool Campus provides acute, rehabilitation and mental health care, together with extensive outpatient and community services.

The services provided by pharmacy include clinical ward service, antimicrobial stewardship (utilising the Guidance approval software), aseptic manufacturing, outpatient dispensing and drug information. We also manufacture chemotherapy on site for our Day Oncology patients.

For more information visit swarh2.com.au/swh.aspx

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded)

The SWH pharmacy intern will experience all facets of hospital pharmacy while being nurtured in a small department of clinical pharmacists and support staff. Initial rotations will consolidate the intern's knowledge of dispensing medications and counselling patients on medications and providing relevant information such as CMI and medication summaries. Gradually other skills will be introduced, such as aseptic manufacturing, antimicrobial stewardship and clinical ward pharmacy. Towards the end of their intern year, the candidate will be competent in all aspects of medication management and will be responsible for their own cohort of inpatients, under the supervision of a pharmacist.

SWH has also entered into partnership with Colac Area Health in order to give the intern further exposure to other areas such as grand rounds with medical students, insight into veterinary pharmacy and HARP medication reviews. The intern will have the opportunity to include a rotation through retail pharmacy as part of their experience at both sites as desired.

The successful intern may also have a rotation to Barwon Health to get the 'big hospital experience' in a specialty of their choice. (e.g. Cardiology)

Education throughout the year is vital to our intern. We have formed a partnership with Barwon Health so that our intern can participate in Barwon's weekly tutorials, and they will have access to other Barwon resources. This will help augment our intern's education program. The intern will also be offered the opportunity to participate in Monash University's Intern Foundation Program, which may lead to the Masters qualifications.

The intern will work closely with our trained mentor, and the mentor will regularly meet with the intern to ensure they are meeting all required milestones. Dedicated study time will be provided for weekly tutorials, with extra time and a reduced workload prior to exams to ensure the intern is thoroughly prepared. At the end of their year with us, our intern will be a fully qualified and confident pharmacist ready to enter the hospital workforce.

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THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Campuses where pharmacy intern will work: The Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) is a specialist paediatric hospital providing a full range of clinical services, tertiary care and health promotion and prevention programs for children and adolescents. RCH is the major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria, and cares for children from other states and overseas.

The pharmacy department:

- Clinical pharmacy services are provided to the Intensive Care Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Children's Cancer Centre, Children's Neuroscience Centre, Cardiology, Adolescent Medicine, General Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology, Rehabilitation, Endocrinology and Thoracic wards
- Centralised outpatient and discharge dispensary as well as satellite pharmacies on each floor
- Manufacture of a large range of extemporaneous products to facilitate accurate/convenient doses for paediatric patients
- Total Parenteral Nutrition, chemotherapy and specialised fluids are manufactured on-site
- Co-ordination of medications for Hospital in The Home patients
- Paediatric Drug Information Centre
- Paediatric Clinical Trials
- Active involvement in the Adverse Drug Reaction, Drug Usage and Medication Safety Committees

For more information visit www.rch.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Four intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

Pharmacy Interns will have a week of orientation to the RCH pharmacy department to learn basic technical and clinical skills before integration into the general roster

Each pharmacy intern is assigned his or her own preceptor for the year. Preceptors periodically evaluate an intern's performance to assist with their development throughout the year

During the year, interns spend time in all areas of the RCH pharmacy department including: ward pharmacy services in a variety of clinical areas, outpatient dispensary, oncology pharmacy, sterile and non-sterile manufacturing and the Drug Information Centre. Rotations will usually be 3-4 weeks in length with shorter rotations to the intensive care units

After a period of clinical pharmacy training, pharmacy interns will be given the opportunity to be responsible for the pharmacy services of an allocated ward for a 3-4-week period (with the support and supervision of pharmacists)

The RCH Pharmacy Internship manual provides a list of objectives and self-directed learning activities for each rotation

RCH offers a comprehensive pharmacy intern tutorial program, covering a wide range of adult and paediatric drug therapies and primary healthcare topics as well as practice exam sessions

Pharmacy interns are given the opportunity to spend a week working in a community pharmacy of their choice to assist with exam preparation

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THE ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL

Campuses where pharmacy intern will work: City (Grattan St) Campus & Royal Park Campus

Melbourne Health is an award-winning health care service and is Victoria's second largest public health service. This means you will gain experience in a vastly diverse hospital, which will help develop you into a well-rounded pharmacist.

Melbourne Health comprises of multiple sites including:

- The Royal Melbourne Hospital – City Campus
- The Royal Melbourne Hospital – Royal Park Campus
- North-Western Mental Health
- RMH Kidney Care Service
- Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory

The pharmacy department provides services to all areas of the hospital requiring medicines or involved in medication management. Pharmacists work across a variety of teams to provide invaluable service to the respective areas.

For more information visit www.mh.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Eight intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

Orientation: Every intern undergoes one week of orientation and introduction to the overall department. A checklist is incorporated into your first clinical rotation to ensure development of essential skills in basic clinical pharmacy processes, as well as becoming familiar with the workplace environment.

Rotations: Intern rotations will be primarily based at the RMH, City Campus. Rotations vary in length depending on the area. Clinical Rotations include: Cardiology, General Medicine, Surgery, Neurosciences or Infectious Diseases and Aged Care or Rehabilitation. Other rotations include Dispensary, Manufacturing and Aseptics, Medicines Information and Quality Use of Medicines.

Intern Supervision: The unit pharmacist of the allocated intern rotation provides daily supervision. A checklist guides and structures the rotation to detail aspects of practice to be covered, expectations of both supervisor and intern, and of increasing responsibilities throughout the year. An evaluation schedule and competency checklists accompanies each rotation to ensure each intern receives regular and structured feedback to inform their practice. In addition to this, the Education Pharmacist (also your Board Preceptor) will schedule regular visits with each intern during their clinical rotations to supervise, teach or discuss cases. More time can be arranged for interns on an individual basis as needed or desired.

Mentors: Each intern is allocated their own individual mentor; a pharmacist who has completed their intern year in the last three years. They help you find your way around the hospital, provide one-on-one guidance and help you develop & test your knowledge and skills. Mentors also assist with practice exams in the lead up to the Pharmacy Board Oral exam.

Education program: Our tailored Education program consists of two parts: clinical sessions and primary healthcare tutorials. Clinical sessions run at least once a week and are presented by clinical pharmacists in the hospital, of whom many are specialists in their field. The timetable is coordinated around the intern training programs to ensure you have adequate knowledge to comfortably meet all the requirements. Primary healthcare sessions are run by interns once a week with each intern presenting on two to three topics throughout the year. Additionally, interns also present their own clinical case study at the end of the year.

Board Approved Supervised hours & weekend work: Interns are required to have Provisional Registration with AHPRA before internship commences, which is usually in the first week of January. The regular weekday hours are 8:30 am – 5:15 pm Monday to Friday. Depending on the area in which you are working, there may be extended hours services which you may be rostered to. On weekends, the RMH provides a limited clinical service and interns are included in the roster, approximately one shift every 3 weekends. During the weekend shift, the intern is rostered to provide patient education on their discharge medications which is

invaluable practice and experience. Whilst the weekend hours are additional to your normal working week, these hours contribute to your total number of supervised hours and ensures that you meet Board requirements comfortably. The department also ensures that no staff is rostered to work 7 consecutive days and rostering takes into consideration Monash Practice or APCAT examinations.

Intern Training Program: The Board requires each intern to enrol in an approved Intern Training Program. There are various approved Intern Training Programs available (Guild, Monash University, and PSA) and for logistical reasons, the RMH prefer that all interns are enrolled in the same Intern Training Program.

Intern Foundation Program: The Royal Melbourne Hospital offers the Intern Foundation Program, affiliated with Monash University, and we strongly encourage our interns to enrol in this.

Rostered Day Off & Annual Leave: You are entitled to a Rostered Day Off (RDO) approximately one day in every 4 weeks. You will also be rostered one week of annual leave after your written exams to ensure some rest and relaxation, with the remaining leave accrued as per the award.

Practice exams: We provide practice exams during the year to help you become familiar with the structure of the exams and the questions you can expect. Further to practice exams organised by your mentor, the department runs two practice Pharmacy Board Exams under strict exam conditions, to simulate the real environment.

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THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: The Royal Women's Hospital, Parkville

The Royal Women's Hospital is Australia's largest specialist hospital dedicated to improving the health of women of all ages and cultures, and newborn babies. It provides clinical expertise and leadership in the areas of obstetrics, gynaecology, gynae-oncology; neonatology and specialised medicines information, with a strong commitment to research and education. It is a major teaching hospital with strong affiliations to The University of Melbourne, Monash University, La Trobe University and RMIT.

We have 15 pharmacists (Director, Deputy Director, three Senior Pharmacists and specialist pharmacists) with 4 pharmacy technicians. The Pharmacy Department has a friendly, supportive environment and actively supports the provision of patient-centred care.

We provide pharmacy services across all areas in the health service but specifically to these areas: Obstetrics, Neonatal Intensive and Special Care Nurseries, Genetics, Gynaecology, Gynae-oncology, Outpatients, Clinical trials and research, Clinical service to Frances Perry House (private hospital), Quality and Safety Unit.

The department provides specialised medicines information in women's health specifically on medicines use during pregnancy and breastfeeding. The department produces the Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide – a concise and valuable reference for doctors, pharmacists, midwives and any other professionals involved in the care of pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Research is a very vital component of our clinical activities as we strive to provide quality and evidence-based practices. The pharmacy supports all clinical trials and research involving medicines.

For more information visit www.thewomens.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Two intern positions will be available for 2020 (government-funded)

- Intern pharmacists spend time in all areas of the pharmacy department, receiving both clinical and non-clinical training.
- Tutorials are held once a week with a pharmacy law workshop prior to the written examination.
- Participation in projects and presentations at pharmacy conferences are strongly encouraged
- Other clinical activities include being an active member of the ADR (adverse drug reactions) committee and reporting of pharmacists' interventions

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ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

Campuses where pharmacists will be based: St Vincent's hospital in Fitzroy, St Georges Hospital

St Vincent's Hospital - St Vincent's Hospital provides a wide range of medical, surgical, allied health and mental health services, including community, outreach, drug and alcohol and correctional health services. As a major teaching, research and tertiary referral centre, we are committed to providing the best possible patient care, servicing both our local and regional communities. The hospital is situated in Fitzroy on the fringe of Melbourne's central business district, bounded by Victoria Parade, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy Street and Gertrude Street.

St George's Hospital - St George's Health Service in Kew provides a comprehensive rehabilitation and aged care service, including inpatient care, evaluation and management, transition care and day respite, residential aged care, acute aged psychiatry, as well as a broad range of community-based assessment and treatment services.

St Vincent's is a valued-based organisation that takes pride in being an innovative and efficient health service that readily adapts to the changing demands of the health system.

St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne has recently been rated as one of the four top hospitals in all of Australia and of the top one hundred hospitals in the world.

If you would like to join a team that seeks to drive innovative change in the pharmacy profession whilst raising your career to new heights, take the first step by contacting us for more information.

St Vincent's Pharmacy services:

The St Vincent's Pharmacy Services consists of over 65 EFT; including pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and support staff. We pride ourselves on a culture of working collaboratively to aspire, achieve and innovate. Pharmacy services at St Vincent's are decentralized taking a contemporary approach to patient-centred care. We provide pharmacy services from nine pharmacy locations spread across the campus servicing medical, surgical and speciality patient treatment areas. Clinical pharmacists play a significant role as a member of the multidisciplinary health care team at St Vincent's, which delivers care in a patient-focused manner. In addition, outpatient / ambulatory pharmacy services, aseptic manufacturing, oncology production, medicines information, Quality Use of Medicines (QUM), medication safety, antimicrobial stewardship, clinical trials and practice research are but some of the additional services provided by pharmacy here at St Vincent's. We work toward providing a benchmark standard for patient care underpinned by a strong focus on evidence-based practice and medication safety.

The hospital has many specialist areas including:

Cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery, general surgery, dermatology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, microsurgery, oncology, haematology, psychiatry, stroke, renal, respiratory medicine, rehabilitation, immunology, biliary-lithotripsy, community medicine and neurosciences.

The department is also committed to the training of pharmacy students and intern pharmacists. Ongoing education for registered pharmacists is also seen as a high priority. Competencies of employed pharmacists are assessed through a yearly ClinCAT review to ensure competent and safe services are provided to the public. Opportunities exist for young pharmacists to undertake a post-registration two-year residency program. The residency program is aligned with the core principles of the SHPA residency curriculum and includes; surgical, operations, medical and elective rotations. The department is also involved with the education of medical and nursing staff and patients enrolled in rehabilitation programs.

For more information visit www.svhm.org.au/home/education/pharmacy-education

ABOUT THE PHARMACY INTERN TRAINING PROGRAM

Seven intern positions are available in 2020 (government-funded)

The pre-registrant program at St Vincent's aims to provide a solid foundation and transition to practice as a skilled clinical pharmacist.

Every intern undergoes a one-week orientation and induction to St Vincent's Pharmacy Services.

Following this comprehensive induction process, you will experience rotations in the following areas:

OPERATIONAL AREAS

Clinical rotations:

- General Medicine (3-week rotation), cardiology and cardiothoracics (3-week rotation), neurology and nephrology (3-week rotation), gastroenterology (2-week rotation), psychiatry(1-week rotation), orthopaedic unit (3 week rotation), aged care (1-week rotation to St. George's Hospital Campus), emergency medicine (3-week rotation), intensive care (1- week rotation) and antimicrobial stewardship (1-week rotation).
- Dispensary (3-week rotation) and aseptic preparations (3-week rotation)

Risk management rotations:

- Medication safety / Medicines information (3-week rotation).

NB: some of the rotations are repeated throughout the year.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Weekly Tutorials:

- The education program comprises of weekly intern education meetings. A range of clinical and community pharmacy topics are covered. Clinical sessions are presented by clinical pharmacists specialising in the field.
- Multiple practice exams are provided during the year to help interns prepare for exams. Both written and oral exams are practiced.

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Intern Foundation Program:

- St Vincent's is accredited to offer the Intern Foundation Program (IFP), which enables interns to obtain a Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice from Monash University by recognising workplace learning. Currently all of our 2019 pharmacist interns are participating in this program.

Practice Research & Innovation

- Each intern will develop research and innovation skills by doing a practice-based research project. Regular meetings are held to identify and assist in these research projects.

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WESTERN HEALTH

Campuses where pharmacy intern will work: Footscray and Sunshine

Western Health is the pre-eminent provider of health services to one of the most multicultural western metropolitan regions of Melbourne. Focusing on achieving excellence in teaching and research and providing an extensive range of clinical services, Western Health is fast becoming known as a vibrant, progressive organisation. Western Health is committed to providing high quality undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research.

The health service encourages innovations in patient care, staff professional development and research activities. Our clinicians, nurses and allied health professionals are involved in a diverse range of activities that have received recognition at a local, national and international level. Western Health has links with The University of Melbourne, La Trobe University and Victoria University of Technology.

For more information visit www.westernhealth.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

Six intern positions are available in 2020 (four government-funded, plus two hospital-funded)

Pharmacy Interns at Western Health partake in four weekly rotations across a variety of clinical (medical and surgical), manufacturing and dispensary areas. The six interns will rotate between Footscray and Sunshine campuses gaining exposure to different environments and staffs. Interns are expected to develop their skillset, such that by the end of the program they meet the national entry level pharmacist competencies.

As the year progresses, interns will be given a larger patient load to self-manage while still under pharmacist supervision. Throughout the program, interns are provided supervision by experienced pharmacists during all rotations while developing an appropriate level of competencies and responsibilities as outlined in our in-house competency framework.

Weekly tutorials cover a range of clinical, APCAT and over the counter topics designed, not only to prepare the interns for their exams, but become competent pharmacists. Prior to the final oral exam, several practice exams are conducted under exam conditions.

Interns are expected to be enthusiastic, hardworking and willing to engage with the Western Health Intern Program and Western Health core values.

We accept interns enrolled in either the Monash or PSA intern programs. No prior pharmacy experience or specific skills are required to apply.

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WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work: Horsham

Wimmera Health Care Group is the major specialist referral centre for the Wimmera and Southern Mallee region of Victoria, servicing an area of 61,000 square kilometres and a population of approximately 54,000 people. We have campuses in Horsham and Dimboola and provide emergency and critical care services for adults and children.

Every year, Wimmera Health Care Group treats over 11,000 inpatients, 12,000 emergency patients and 123,000 outpatients. With a workforce of 860 staff, we are the largest employer in the region.

The pharmacy department provides services to the acute wards in WHCG including medical, surgical and midwifery wards and sub-acute ward. The hospital has a small Intensive Care Unit, a busy Emergency Department, Hospital in The Home service, dialysis and a growing Day Oncology Unit. The intern will participate in medication reconciliation, discharge prescription preparation, patient counselling and fill outpatient prescriptions.

For more information visit www.whcg.org.au

About the pharmacy intern training program

One intern position is available in 2020 (government-funded)

The successful intern at WHCG will:

- Learn from a range of experienced pharmacists
- Receive frequent tutorials on disease states and medication classes
- Work in Pharmacy and acute wards
- Gain valuable experience across a wide range of services
- Receive an introduction to oncology services
- Can have the opportunity to work in a local community pharmacy

Employment at Wimmera Health Care Group offers close proximity to the Grampians and Mount Arapiles national parks, salary packaging, free parking, and a friendly, welcoming workplace.

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