



Students Guide to Hospital Pharmacy Internships in NSW

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Disclaimer

This Guide has been created as an aide to support students applying for NSW hospital pharmacy internship positions. Individuals reading this document should conduct their own research into each job application.

The SHPA NSW branch takes no responsibility for updating this document or for student's not receiving interviews for their job applications on the basis of this Guide. Always address the selection criteria for each individual job application.

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NSW Hospitals

NSW Public Hospitals

NSW Health is responsible for managing and funding health services in a wide range of settings, from multi-purpose health centres in remote communities to large metropolitan teaching hospitals in the public sector. There are more than 220 public hospitals and health services in NSW, which provide free healthcare to Australian citizens and permanent residents. Services provided at public hospitals may include emergency care, elective and emergency surgery, medical treatment, maternity services and rehabilitation programs.

NSW public hospitals are broken down into eight Local Health Districts (LHDs) that cover the Sydney metropolitan region and seven LHDs that cover rural and regional New South Wales. In addition, two specialist networks are established which focus on Children's and Paediatric Services (Sydney Children's Hospitals Network) and Forensic Mental Health (Justice and Forensic Mental Health Network). A third network operates across the public health services provided by three Sydney facilities operated by St Vincent's Health, these include St Vincent's Hospital and the Sacred Heart Hospice at Darlinghurst, and St Joseph's at Auburn.



For more information go to: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/lhd/pages/default.aspx>

NSW Public Hospital Pharmacy Internships

Many NSW public hospitals provide structured training programs for intern pharmacists to provide them with experience in dispensing, clinical services and drug information. This program occurs during working hours and is conducted alongside the Intern Training Program which interns are required to complete to be eligible for registration as a pharmacist. These additional training sessions will assist you to gain the competencies required for registration as pharmacists and specialisation in hospital pharmacy.

All intern pharmacists are expected to complete at least 1824 hours of supervised practise throughout their intern year whether they complete their internship in the community, hospital or industry setting.

NSW Private Hospitals

Pharmacy departments within private hospitals are privately owned and operate similarly to a community pharmacy. They usually sell over-the-counter medications, unlike public hospital pharmacies. The largest private hospital groups in Australia include:

- Catholic Health Australia
<http://www.cha.org.au/>
- Healthscope Hospitals
<http://www.healthscopehospitals.com.au/>
- Ramsay Health Care
<http://www.ramsayhealth.com.au/>
- St John of God Healthcare
<http://www.sjog.org.au/>

NSW Private Hospital Pharmacy Internships

NSW private hospital pharmacy internships are very similar to community pharmacy internships. They generally do not have a structured program like the public hospitals.

How to Apply

NSW Public Hospitals

NSW Health has implemented an online recruitment system where all applications are submitted electronically (eRecruit). By applying online, you ensure that your application has been received as you are notified of its receipt immediately. You may also track the progress of your application throughout the recruitment process and can elect to be notified when certain positions become available in the future. A further benefit to applying online is that you can build your profile with your resume/Curriculum Vitae, copies of your qualifications and credentialing that can be used when applying for other positions in the future.

Students can make an account with eRecruit and subscribe to new job alerts. Typically, public hospitals advertise for two weeks whilst some rural hospitals may advertise for longer. It is important to pay careful attention to the closing date as late applications are rarely accepted. Additionally, it is worth keeping a copy of the position reference number and recording the hospitals you have applied for in a table to track changes. Occasionally candidates may be invited to an interview via an email that merely quotes the reference number.

The recruitment process includes: advertising the vacancy, short listing applicants, interview/assessment, conducting referee checks, undertaking employment screening (criminal record check, NSW Health Service Check Register and employment health assessment) and offering the position to the preferred applicant(s). Although a separate application must be submitted for each position you wish to apply for, some hospitals may choose to conduct their interviews together.

Emails generated by the NSW Health eRecruit system have in the past been delivered to spam or junk mail boxes. It is recommended you regularly review your spam and junk mail boxes so that important emails are not overlooked

Selection Criteria

Be careful to appropriately answer the selection criteria advertised for each position. Provide evidence (1-2 specific examples) of where, and how, you have gained the required experience, skills or knowledge highlighted in the selection criteria. Examples can stem from not only the field of pharmacy but also through other personal or professional experiences. Try and think of examples which will differentiate you from other candidates rather than focusing purely upon your studies of pharmacy. The use of concise and articulate language is expected and proof-reading is a must - you don't want to miss out on an interview because of spelling mistakes! University careers services are valuable resources and can assist in fine-tuning your resume,

helping to address selection criteria and prepare for interviews by practicing interview questions.

For the latest vacancies, see the following web page:

<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/>

Other web pages where positions are advertised include the following:

<http://www.careersatsvmhs.com.au/>

<http://jobs.shpa.org.au/Pharmacy-Internships/NSW>

NSW Private Hospitals

Recruitment for private hospitals is similar to recruitment for community pharmacies, as they are privately owned. These jobs are not advertised via NSW Health but are usually advertised on job search websites such as 'Seek' and 'pharmjobs.com.au'. Also, like many community pharmacies, some jobs may not be advertised and it is recommended that you contact the private hospital pharmacy directly about future internships.

Relevant websites include:

www.pharmjobs.com.au/

www.seek.com.au

Other States and Territories

In the public sector, every state and territory has a different process for recruiting pharmacy interns. Some states and territories have only one application for all their hospitals and one interview to prioritise their candidates. Other states and territories, like NSW, advertise each position individually and require a separate application and interview for each hospital. This process can change year-to-year and students interested in moving interstate should regularly visit the relevant health department recruitment websites for further details. It is important to remember that although NSW advertise their positions around August and September every year, other states and territories can advertise as early as February.

Relevant public sector websites:

ACT Government Health

<https://acthealth.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en>

Northern Territory Health

http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Careers/Job_Search/index.aspx

Queensland Health

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/jobs/>

South Australia Health

<http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au/>

Tasmania Health

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/career/home>

Victoria Health

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/jobs/>

Western Australia Health

<http://www.jobs.health.wa.gov.au/>

Preparing for the Interview

It is recommended that all applicants prepare thoroughly for their interviews. Many hospitals receive over 150 applications for only 1-3 positions, so it is important that you stand out.

Some standard interview questions include:

- Tell us about yourself?
- Why do you want to work at this hospital?
- Why should we choose you for this position?
- Why do you want to be a hospital pharmacist?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years time?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Tell us about a time when you demonstrated;
 - initiative?
 - good communication skills?
 - teamwork?
 - time management skills?
 - problem solving skills?

Some standard clinical scenarios:

- Identify issues with a medication chart and contact the prescriber if necessary
- Counsel on a new medication to a patient/carer
- Demonstrate how to use a device
- Time management and prioritising tasks
- Managing a clinical error or conflict e.g. dispensing error

What SHPA can offer you

As an intern, you may access a special 18-month membership. You do not have to work in a hospital to be a member. SHPA's membership is diverse, reflecting changes in healthcare. In addition to hospitals, members work in community pharmacy, academia, research, industry, government, consultant pharmacy and a range of quality use of medicines projects, medication safety, Clinical Governance and medicines management programs. SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with an especially strong base of members practising in public and private hospitals and other facilities. Young pharmacists make up a third of all hospital pharmacy positions, many of whom are leading change. SHPA membership is also free for students.

SHPA can offer the following:

- You can use SHPA materials to prepare for important job interviews and show that you are a 'current, informed and connected' pharmacist
- Exclusive to SHPA members, 'shpacpd' supports your lifelong practice as a current, informed and connected pharmacist and helps you meet annual CPD requirements with access to the following resources:
 - Continuing education lectures on DVD with online assessment questions
 - Free subscription to the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research
 - SHPA e-news and national bulletins that provide timely updates
 - Online resources such as the Medicines Information Training Workbook
 - Clinical pharmacy seminars, face-to-face lectures, symposiums and conferences
- The SHPA networks are a great way for young pharmacists to identify role models and mentors
- Opportunities to work on SHPA committees with like-minded colleagues and specialists to advance pharmacy services and practice standards
- SHPA's Annual National Medicines Management Conference attracts hundreds of delegates and includes more than 200 short papers and posters, many coming from young pharmacists

About the Hospitals

For the purpose of this hospital pharmacy internship guide, only public hospitals will be presented as the number of pharmacy internships offered at private hospitals may vary depending on ownership and managerial changes. In total, nearly 30 hospitals in the NSW public sector usually offer pharmacy internship positions. A short description of these hospitals is listed below:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital

Overview:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is a principal referral hospital forming part of the South Western Sydney Local Health District. The hospital has been designed to offer quality care in modern, purpose-built facilities. The hospital has teaching and research links to the University of New South Wales, University of Sydney and Western Sydney University.

Number of beds:

450 beds

Specialties offered:

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital offers a wide range of general medical and surgical services and sub-specialty services. They include an Oncology Unit, Coronary Care Unit, Dialysis Unit, Emergency Department, Acute Aged Care and Aged Psychiatry Units, Intensive Care Unit, Paediatric Unit, Psychiatric Unit and a Rehabilitation ward. The hospital also runs various outpatient clinics including a Diabetes Centre, Eye Clinic, Hepatology Clinic, Drug and Alcohol Clinic, Gastroenterology Clinic, Anorectal Clinic, Respiratory Clinic and a Renal Clinic. The hospital has recently been recognised for its specialised 24/7 Acute Stroke Thrombolysis Centre.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- In adjunct to the Intern Training Program, Bankstown Hospital provides interns with exposure to a variety of specialty settings and dispensary procedures
- Opportunities to provide clinical interventions during ward rounds and offer education or advice in regards to drug enquiries

- Opportunities to participate in Quality Improvement Activities within the hospital
- Opportunities to provide monthly cardiovascular education to patients in the rehabilitation program
- Supportive learning environment and continual education through drug company talks, ground rounds and occasional tutorials with other interns from the South Western Sydney Local Health District

Blacktown-Mount Druitt Hospital

Overview:

Blacktown-Mount Druitt Hospital (BMDH) is located in Western Sydney and is comprised of various health services over two separate campuses in the respective communities. It services the Blacktown, Mount Druitt and Riverstone areas, as well as some overflow from Parramatta, Holroyd, Hawkesbury, Penrith and Fairfield. BMDH is a teaching hospital with links with the University of Western Sydney Clinical School and the University of Sydney. Both campuses have a hospital pharmacy, however the intern will be mainly situated at the Blacktown campus.

Number of beds:

Approximately 400 beds.

Specialties offered:

Numerous services are spread across the Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals. In addition to general medical services these include; oncology services, mental health services (psychiatric and sub-acute mental health units), palliative care, cardiac and pulmonary rehab and coronary care unit, diabetes centre and dialysis centre. The hospital provides paediatric care, including 24 hour emergency department with paediatric emergency services and children's outreach service. Their scope of practice includes general patients, as well as a focus on women, children and youth health, and chronic, complex and aged health.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Highlights from their intern training program:

- Structured internship with close guidance and education from on-site clinical education pharmacist
- Opportunity to experience a number of different wards by routinely shadowing clinical pharmacists, with practice in inpatient supply, medication review and history taking, reconciliation and chart annotation

- Thorough outpatient dispensary experience, supplying medications to renal and clozapine clinics, as well as SAS and S100 drugs
- Opportunities to independently rotate on some smaller wards, such as the cardiac step-down unit

Blue Mountains Hospital

Overview:

Blue Mountains Hospital is part of the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District. It is located in Katoomba and operates in conjunction with Springwood Hospital. Outpatient clinics and services operating at the hospital include hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, dental, antenatal, psychiatry and sexual health.

Number of beds:

107 beds

Specialties offered:

The hospital offers General Medicine, Maternity, Paediatrics, Mental Health, Palliative Care, Rehabilitation and Respiratory services.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital

Overview

The Calvary Mater Newcastle (CMN) hospital is situated in Waratah, Newcastle, in the heart of the Hunter region. The CMN hospital is a tertiary referral hospital. The services it provides include:

1. Comprehensive oncology services (medical, surgical and radiation)
2. Comprehensive Haematology services (both oncological and non-oncological)
3. Palliative Care (both in-patient and out-patient)
4. Clinical Pharmacology
5. Clinical Toxicology
6. Adult Psychiatry

7. Alcohol and Drug
8. General Medicine
9. General surgery.
10. Drug Information.

The CMN has 195 beds and is supported by an emergency department and an intensive care unit. The hospital is also home to the Newcastle Melanoma Unit and Breast Screen NSW Hunter New England, and has a stroke service which provides a seamless care approach to stroke treatment and the assessment of patients.

Calvary Mater Newcastle is a teaching hospital in affiliation with many teaching institutions and is fully accredited by the Australian Council on Health Care Standards.

The CMN Pharmacy Department currently employs 18 pharmacists, 5 pharmacy technicians and 1 intern. Roles include a Director of Pharmacy, Specialist Pharmacists practising in the areas of Oncology, Haematology, Palliative Care, Clinical Trials, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Quality Use of Medicines, Emergency and Drug Information

Number of beds

195 beds

Specialties offered

Calvary Mater Newcastle provides services specialising in general medicine and surgery, palliative care, oncology, haematology, Clinical Toxicology, Clinical Pharmacology, Psychiatry, Drug and Alcohol, and research.

Number of internships

1 position

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Rotations covering dispensary experience, general medicine and surgery, emergency, haematology, research, mental health, Antimicrobial Stewardship, drug information and quality use of medicines
- Educational opportunities such as weekly tutorials and exam preparation with HNELHD Senior Clinical Pharmacist Educator

- Participation in regular medical and mental health grand rounds, JMO education, toxicology/oncology education, and fortnightly pharmacy and oncology journal clubs
- Attend various affiliated professional pharmacy organisation forums and events

Campbelltown Hospital

Overview:

Campbelltown Hospital, situated within the Macarthur region, forms part of the Southern Western Sydney Local Health District. The hospital is currently undergoing an expansion to add 90 new inpatient beds, 11 new emergency beds and 3 new birthing rooms with the first phase expected to be complete in early 2016.

Number of beds

200-500

Specialties offered:

Campbelltown Hospital has a well-established general surgery service. In addition, the hospital offers a comprehensive medical services in the specialities of; cardiology, maternity, gynaecology, palliative care, respiratory and stroke medicine, emergency medicine and aged-care services.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions

Coffs Harbour Base Hospital

Overview:

Coffs Harbour Base Hospital, also known as Coffs Harbour Health Campus, is located on the Pacific Highway at the heart of the mid-north coast of NSW. It is an acute major rural referral hospital and provides services for the residents of Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca and also services Bellingen, Dorrigo and Macksville hospitals. It is part of the Mid-North Coast Local Health district.

Specialties offered:

Coffs Harbour Base Hospital specialises in oncology, elective surgery, emergency and intensive care, neonatal intensive care and obstetrics. Specialty units present include Coronary Care and Angiography, Paediatric, Psychiatric, Palliative care, Dialysis, Community Acute-Post Acute Service (CAPACS) and Rehabilitation. A number of outpatient services are also provided through

the hospital including, Obstetrics, Oncology and Pre-admission/Anaesthesia consultations. Occupational therapy, Speech pathology, Physiotherapy and Dietetics are just some of the Allied Health Services offered.

Number of beds:

400

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Initially a 6-week rotation in the dispensary, followed by 4-week rotations in ED, Medical, Surgical, Medical Assessment Unit/ICU/Rehab/Stroke, Coronary Care, and Oncology wards
- Opportunities to contribute to hospital inservices for medical officers, nursing staff and allied health staff
- Opportunities to facilitate talks to cardiac/pulmonary rehab patients and patients at high risk of falls
- Numerous other responsibilities including assorted compounding and methadone dose preparation for the Drug and Alcohol Service.

Concord Repatriation General Hospital LH

Overview:

Concord Repatriation General Hospital is part of the Sydney Local Health District. Concord Hospital is located on the Parramatta River near the Sydney Olympics Homebush site. It was formerly administered by The Department of Veterans' Affairs until July 1993, when Concord was officially integrated into the New South Wales Health System and renamed Concord Repatriation General Hospital. It maintains its links with the veteran's community.

Number of beds:

550 beds in the main hospital plus 180 at the Concord Centre for Mental Health

Specialties offered:

The hospital offers a comprehensive range of specialty and sub specialty services including a number of tertiary and secondary referral services. Many of these are recognised throughout Australia as centres of excellence. They include the Burns Unit, Colorectal Surgery Unit, the

Molecular Biology and Genetics Laboratory, the Aged and Extended Care Department, the Bone and Mineral Unit, and Gastroenterology Unit.

The Pharmacy Department provides all services associated with a major teaching hospital including inpatient and outpatient dispensing, clinical pharmacy, investigational drugs, aseptic and cytotoxic production and quality activities.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 or 3 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- A rotation may be offered between Concord Repatriation General Hospital and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. There may also be a rotation at the Concord Centre for Mental Health and rotation at the Oncology Pharmacy.
- Opportunity to experience a number of wards following clinical pharmacists including Cardiology, ICU, Urology, Orthopaedics, Plastics, Neurology, Respiratory, Burns Unit, Renal, Colorectal and Gastroenterology.
- Opportunity to participate in various educational sessions including training junior medical doctors and the new graduate nurses. There is also the opportunity to attend weekly Grand Rounds.
- Intensive tutorials covering clinical, legal and primary health care topics.
- Opportunity to engage in clinical audits and research
- Opportunity to work in a hospital that has implemented the electronic medication management (eMEDS) program

Dubbo Base Hospital

Overview:

Dubbo Health Service forms part of Western NSW Local Health District. In addition to Dubbo Health Service, the Pharmacy department remotely services more than 20 health facilities without Pharmacy departments. The city of Dubbo is located in the central western area of NSW and is situated approximately 410 km northwest of Sydney. Modern-day Dubbo is ideally located at the intersection of major routes for road, rail and air transport. The Evocities website describes Dubbo as a dynamic, regional centre that offers the dual benefits of relaxation and space with the amenities of a major city. Continual growth has seen the city's population

exceed 41,000, with a catchment population in excess of 120,000. Dubbo Health Service is a major rural referral health service within the region, providing a range of inpatient and outpatient services including a twenty-four hour emergency department.

Number of beds:

Approximately 200 beds

Specialties offered:

The major services catered for by Dubbo Health Service include Emergency, General Medicine, Obstetrics, Pathology, Surgery, Mental Health, Renal Medicine & Dialysis, Paediatrics, Intensive and High Dependency & Intensive Care, Gastroenterology, Respiratory, Diabetes, Coronary Care, Oncology & Haematology, Neurology, Urology, and Ambulatory Care.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions

Fairfield Hospital

Overview:

This hospital is part of South Western Sydney Local Health District. Fairfield Hospital is a major metropolitan hospital approximately 45 minutes drive from the Sydney city centre. Fairfield Hospital is a teaching hospital of the University of NSW and an Associate of the University of Western Sydney. Each year, Fairfield Hospital provides emergency care to approximately 30 000 patients. Fairfield hospital is also home to The Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre providing elective orthopaedic services for Liverpool-Fairfield and Macarthur communities.

Number of beds:

Approximately 200 beds

Specialties offered:

Fairfield hospital offers a full range of services including Coronary Care Unit, Orthopaedic Services, Dialysis Unit, Emergency Department, Geriatric assessment, Obstetrics, Paediatrics unit and a Rehabilitation unit.

Gosford & Wyong Hospital

Overview:

This hospital is part of the Central Coast Local Health District.

Number of beds:

Gosford Hospital has 500 beds.

Wyong Hospital has approximately 300 beds.

Specialties offered:

Gosford Hospital is the main hospital within the Central Coast Local Health District offering a range of specialties including: the mixed Renal, Endocrine and Gastroenterology ward; Cardiac; Respiratory; Neurology; Geriatrics; Maternity; Paediatrics; Mixed medical and Surgical wards. Gosford Hospital has one of the busiest emergency departments in the state with more than 60 000 presentations each year. With Intensive Care and Coronary Care units, Gosford caters for patients requiring critical care. The hospital also has an onsite mental health ward and an outpatient service for Special Access Scheme (SAS), section 100 and clinical trial medications. The Cancer Care Pharmacy caters for an oncology ward, with pharmacists manufacturing cytotoxic medications as well reviewing chemotherapeutic regimens.

Wyong Hospital is the most northern hospital within the Central Coast Local Health District and is located within the suburb of Kanwal. It provides: Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Geriatric, Mental Health and Rehabilitation services. The Gosford Hospital intern position incorporates a six-week rotation at Wyong Hospital where dispensing, clinical ward activities, manufacturing, teaching and research are a major focus of the training program.

Long Jetty and Woy Woy are smaller hospitals within the Central Coast Local Health District with a major focus on rehabilitation and transition from hospital care to community-based treatment. Overall, specialties provided on the Central Coast include: Respiratory, Palliative care, Oncology, Neurology, Renal, Geriatrics, Paediatrics, Maternity, Emergency, Intensive Care, General Medicine and Surgical, Ophthalmology, ENT, Orthopaedics, Psychiatric, Ambulatory Care, Cardiac, Gastroenterology and Acute and Chronic pain.

Number of internships usually offered:

3 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- 6 to 8 week rotation at Wyong Hospital
- Facilitating patient medication information seminars
- Helping to provide junior medical officer education programs
- Rotation in pharmaceutical manufacturing
- Extensive clinical training in ward based scenarios
- Dedicated staff and resources specifically available to interns
- Relaxed Central Coast lifestyle

Goulburn Base Hospital

Overview:

Goulburn Base Hospital is part of the Greater Southern Area NSW Network, located approximately two hours drive from Sydney and an hour drive from Canberra. The hospital is affiliated with the Australian National University in Canberra. Although it has strong affiliations and referral relationships with the ACT hospitals, Goulburn Hospital is located in NSW and abides by NSW legislation.

Number of beds:

Approximately 200 beds

Specialties offered:

The hospital provides acute care services including Acute Medical, Surgical, Intensive Care, Paediatrics, Maternity and Mental Health.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position **part-time. Interns must source their own community-based internship for the other 50%.**

Highlights from the intern training program:

The part time position allows you to gain new skills and build on knowledge in both the hospital and community pharmacy settings. This regional hospital experience is advantageous to learning experiences, including regular restricted antibiotic recording, outpatient dispensing and leading presentations to community groups and allied health.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital

Overview:

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital is part of the Northern Sydney Local Health District. The hospital is a teaching hospital for the University of Sydney.

Number of beds:

295 beds

Specialties offered:

Inpatient services offered include Coronary and Intensive Care, Orthopaedic, General Medical, Surgical, Obstetric, Mental Health, Paediatric and Emergency services.

Outpatient services include allied health (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and social work) as well as community health, dental and podiatry clinics, child, adolescent and family health, drug and alcohol, health promotion and rehabilitation, and aged care.

John Hunter Hospital

Overview:

This hospital forms part of the Hunter New England Local Health District. The John Hunter Hospital is a major tertiary referral and teaching hospital and is one of only four major trauma centres in NSW, which means it provides expertise in a range of medical fields. John Hunter is located in New Lambton, Newcastle, which is approximately 150 km from Sydney.

John Hunter Hospital also houses one of three designated children's hospitals in NSW. Services include a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, General Paediatrics, Surgery and trauma, Adolescent and day stay facilities.

The Pharmacy Department employs approximately 70 people, including 22 pharmacists' positions (as full time or part time work). The Department provides all the comprehensive services associated with a major tertiary referral hospital including clinical pharmacy services, drug distribution, dispensing, drug information, clinical trials, and the provision of comprehensive extemporaneous and sterile manufacturing and cytotoxic re-constitution.

Number of beds:

Approximately 650 beds

Specialties offered:

Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Coronary Care, Renal transplant, Adolescent Mental Health, Gastroenterology, Aged Care and Rehab, Endocrinology, Orthopaedic surgery, General

Medicine, Respiratory, Intensive Care, Cardiac Surgery, Emergency medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology services.

Number of internships usually offered:

1-2 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Intern rotation throughout the year involves two weeks on the wards shadowing pharmacists alternating with two weeks in the dispensary, providing medication counselling to patients and carers. Specialty clinical pharmacist areas include Neurology, Intensive Care, Renal, Cardiology, Infectious Diseases, Paediatrics, Surgery, General Medicine and Geriatrics.
- Key training opportunities include regular tutorials coordinated by the district pharmacy educator to develop clinical skills and hospital specific knowledge. There is also the opportunity to attend medical Grand Rounds and weekly Continuing Education sessions.

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network

Overview: The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is the primary pharmacy service in NSW for adults and young people in contact with the forensic mental health and criminal justice systems across community, inpatient and custodial settings. The intern position is located at the Forensic Hospital in Malabar, a suburb 12 kilometres south-east of the Sydney CBD. The Forensic Hospital is a highly secure mental health facility which is the first of its kind in NSW. The hospital provides specialist mental health care for mentally ill patients who have been in contact with the criminal justice system and high risk civil patients (including those patients found to be not guilty by reason of mental illness and those unfit to plead).

Number of beds: 135 (Forensic Hospital)

Specialties offered: the JH&FMHN has a primary focus on mental health

Number of internships usually offered: 1 position (often advertised mid-year)

Highlights from the intern training program:

- An internship at the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network will provide you with an opportunity to learn within a highly specialised environment focused upon mental health which is unique when compared to other hospital pharmacy settings

Lismore Hospital

Overview:

Lismore Base Hospital is a regional referral, level 5 base hospital within the Northern New South Wales Health District. Provision of care to 29,453 patient was recorded during 2011/2013. The hospital undertakes over 8,100 surgical procedures annually.

Number of beds:

Approximately 250-500 beds

Specialties offered:

Lismore Hospital provides a range of services including Cancer treatment, Coronary Care, Dialysis Unit, Emergency, Intensive Care, Obstetrics, Orthopaedics, Paediatric unit and Psychiatric services.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Opportunity to experience different ward rotations including ICU, CCU, Renal, Orthopaedics and Cancer Care.
- Participation in various areas of pharmacy such as Hospital in the Home, Methadone service and the Antimicrobial Stewardship program.
- Opportunity to conduct patient education in Cardiac Rehab and in-service clinical presentations/case studies
- Full training in inpatient/outpatient dispensing, including S100 and Special Authority prescriptions
- Opportunity to attend weekly training on various clinical topics.

Liverpool Hospital

Overview:

Liverpool Hospital is the lead hospital servicing the population of the South Western Sydney Local Health District. The hospital has undergone major redevelopment over the last 5 years and provides health services to a culturally diverse and expanding population of over 850,000

people. Liverpool Hospital is also the largest hospital in NSW and is one of the leading trauma centres in Australia.

The Pharmacy Department offers the full range of Pharmacy services, including numerous outpatient clinics in a busy and ever-changing environment. The Ingham Institute of Applied Medical Research is the new research facility partnering with Liverpool Hospital with a team of 200 leading researchers and clinicians.

Number of beds:

877 beds

Specialties offered:

Liverpool Hospital provides an extensive range of services in many areas of Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Trauma, Critical Care, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Oncology, Aged Care, Brain Injury Rehabilitation, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Neonatology and Paediatrics.

The Pharmacy Department provides its clinical services across two pharmacies: main hospital pharmacy and the Cancer Therapy Centre Pharmacy. The services provided extend beyond a clinical ward service to also include dispensing services to inpatients and outpatients of the Hospital, aseptic and cytotoxic manufacturing as well as managing clinical trial medications.

Number of internships usually offered:

2-3 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Rotational tutorials with Bankstown and Campbelltown Hospital.
- Extensive clinical training as well as the opportunity to regularly facilitate a ward service under the supervision of a clinical pharmacist.
- Exposure to a number of different clinical specialties including renal, cardiology and intensive care unit.
- Opportunity to attend weekly grand rounds and inservices.
- Intern rotations within the dispensary also involves being trained in the distribution of S8 medications for the entire hospital, inpatient dispensing, discharges and outpatient dispensing.
- Being apart of a diverse and highly skilled team of young and ambitious pharmacists.

Maitland Hospital

Overview:

The Maitland Hospital services the Upper and Lower Hunter Regions including Maitland, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Dungog and Raymond Terrace. The hospital is located 35 minutes from Newcastle.

Number of beds:

158 beds

Specialties offered:

Maitland Hospital provides a comprehensive range of services including Medical and Rehabilitation, Surgical and Day surgery, Maternity and child, Mental health, Dental, Renal and Diagnostic services. It also includes an adult Coronary Care and High Dependency Unit. Allied health service offered by the hospital includes occupational therapy, speech pathology, dietetics, psychology, physiotherapy and social work services.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Manly Hospital and Mona Vale Hospital

Overview:

Manly and Mona Vale hospitals are situated on Sydney's scenic northern beaches. Mona Vale Hospital, together with Manly Hospital, forms the Northern Beaches Health Service.

Mona Vale Hospital and its community health services have served the local community since 1964. The rapidly developing pharmacy teams are dedicated to delivering excellent patient care with expanding roles, such as placements within Emergency Medical Units.

Number of beds:

Manly – 217 beds, Mona Vale – 156 beds

Specialties offered:

The hospitals provide acute care services, including Orthopaedic, Medical, Surgical, Paediatric, Mental Health, Emergency and Intensive care. Non-acute inpatient services include adolescent counselling, dental and podiatry clinics, rehabilitation and aged care services. Outpatient services include Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Oncology and renal dialysis clinics.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Highlights from the intern training program:

- As the only intern working between both hospitals, expect to be rotated between each hospital every few months. This provides immediate variety in the workplace as well as the opportunity to work with different pharmacists in a variety of specialties and facilities.
- There is also an extensive learning plan with many resources carefully assigned to you by both of your site-specific preceptors.
- Key training opportunities: observe specific pharmacy services such as an established infectious diseases pharmacy program and newly implemented mental health services at the Manly mental health unit.
- Several off-site work experience activities are arranged including time at McBeath's manufacturing company and fortnightly tutorials with interns at Royal North Shore and Ryde Pharmacy department.
- As the site assigned for piloting an exciting new online medication management system there is also opportunity to better understand how technology advances impact on medication use in smaller hospitals.
- The very nature of a smaller public hospital environment is charming and it is easy to become familiar with co-workers from other backgrounds. Furthermore the beach is only a five minute walk away, and a great way to spend summer after work.

Manning Hospital

Overview:

Manning Hospital is situated in Taree and part of the Hunter New England Local Health District. It provides a broad range of specialist services to the residents of Greater Taree, Great Lakes and Gloucester areas.

Number of beds:

160 beds

Specialties offered:

The hospital provides acute care services including Cardiology, Gastroenterology, General medicine, General surgery, Renal medicine, Maternity, Ophthalmology and Orthopaedics.

Moruya District Hospital

Overview:

Moruya District Hospital is located on the South Coast of NSW - an approximately four hours scenic drive from Sydney, or two and a half hours from Canberra. The hospital operates closely with its sister hospital Batemans Bay District Hospital and forms part of the Southern NSW Local Health District.

Number of beds:

50-99 beds

Specialties offered:

Services provided by the hospital include general medicine, general surgery, a drug and alcohol service, domiciliary care service, emergency department, geriatric assessment, renal dialysis unit, obstetric/maternity unit, sub-acute rehabilitation unit, Hospital-in-the-Home (HITH) and an oncology unit. This hospital is unique in that general practitioners are staffed/rostered as the attending /visiting medical officers.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 graduate pharmacist position, which provides extensive experience and many opportunities, as the intern is to work at both Moruya hospital **and** Surf Beach community pharmacy. Additionally, the intern is given the opportunity to assist in Batemans Bay Hospital.

Highlights from the intern training program:

The pharmacy intern forms part of a multidisciplinary team, closely working with physicians, nurses and allied health including occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech pathologists and dieticians in addition to the chief pharmacist and pharmacy technician(s). The graduate pharmacist is given a range of different roles in both the hospital and community setting – providing an extremely unique and rewarding intern experience.

Orange Health Service

Overview:

The Orange Health Service is an amalgamation of Orange Hospital and Bloomfield Hospital. It is a major rural referral health service located in central western NSW, three and a half hours drive from Sydney.

Number of beds:

Approximately 200-500 beds

Specialties offered:

Orange Health Service provides a range of specialties including Cardiology, Gastroenterology, General medicine, Renal medicine, Maternity, Orthopaedics, Cancer care services and Rehabilitation.

The Bloomfield Campus specialises in mental health, and provides one of the largest mental health inpatient services in regional Australia.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Prince of Wales Hospital

Overview:

Prince of Wales Hospital is a teaching hospital for the University of NSW and is located near a number of beautiful beaches in the eastern suburbs of Sydney (5 minutes from Coogee Beach and 15 minutes from Bondi Beach). It is approximately 8km from the city. The Prince of Wales Hospital also incorporates The Prince of Wales Private Hospital, The Royal Hospital for Women and Sydney Children's Hospital.

Number of beds:

Prince of Wales Hospital has 440 beds.

Sydney Children's Hospital has approximately 100-200 beds.

Specialties offered:

Prince of Wales Hospital treats patients in most of the major adult specialties including cardiology, cardio-thoracic, neurology, neurosurgery, renal and renal transplant, emergency, intensive care, oncology, orthopaedics, gastroenterology, vascular and HIV medicine. The hospital has a large ambulatory care HIV centre (the Albion Street Centre) where there is a satellite Pharmacy Department.

Number of internships usually offered:

Varies from 2-4 (**advertised with Sydney Hospital Internship**)

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Opportunities for vast clinical exposure at the largest hospital campus in Australia.
- Clinical rotations include key speciality wards at Prince of Wales and secondments to Sydney Children's Hospital, Royal Hospital for Women and The Albion Centre.
- Numerous training activities including a 2 week research project rotation and monthly intern tutorials.
- There is also a 7 week sterile manufacturing rotation that incorporates total parenteral nutrition, paediatric oncology and adult oncology clinical pharmacy services.

Port Macquarie Hospital

Port Macquarie Hospital forms part of the Mid North Coast Local Health District (MNCLHD). The MNCLHD covers the following regions: Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo, Kempsey, Laurieton, Macksville, Port Macquarie, South West Rocks and Wauchope.

Port Macquarie is the major metropolitan hub of the Hastings Macleay region located on the scenic mid north coast of New South Wales where the Hastings River meets the Pacific Ocean, and is an easy four hours' drive north of Sydney.

Port Macquarie Community Health Service provides a mix of prevention, early intervention, assessment, treatment, health maintenance and continuing care services to improve or maintain the health and well-being of individuals and participation in community development activities with community groups and other agencies.

Number of beds:

Approximately 200 beds

Specialties offered:

The hospital includes specialist wards/units for General medicine, Surgery, day surgery, planned and emergency theatre service, Coronary Care, Intensive Care, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, 24 hour Emergency Department, Oncology, Palliative Care, Rehabilitation, Stroke, Acute Renal Dialysis, High Dependency and Mental Health and extensive range of outpatient clinics.

Number of internships offered:

1 position

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Exposure to a variety of specialties by shadowing pharmacists on ward rounds providing clinical insight into medical teams
- Opportunity to deliver in-service education seminars to nursing staff, junior medical officers and patients in regards to pharmacy-related topics
- Fortnightly journal club discussions analysing up-to-date pharmacy articles relevant to the hospital scope of practice in addition to weekly Grand Rounds
- Being part of a close-knit community where medical and allied health staff are known to each other on a first name basis

Royal North Shore & Ryde Hospital

Overview:

These hospitals are part of the Northern Sydney Local Health District. Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) is a tertiary referral teaching hospital situated in the northern suburbs of Sydney. RNSH, together with Ryde Hospital, forms the North Shore Ryde Health Service.

Clinical pharmacy services are provided to virtually all wards, the pre-admission clinic and the Emergency Department.

Number of beds:

Ryde Hospital has 170 beds.

Royal North Shore Hospital has 600 beds.

Specialties offered:

RNSH has an inpatient pharmacy as well as an Outpatients and Clinical Trials pharmacy. There is also a specialised oncology pharmacy, an aseptic manufacturing suite, and a drug information centre.

RNSH is a principal tertiary referral centre as well as a NSW Trauma Centre. Some of the state-wide clinical services RNSH is responsible for include:

- Severe burn injury
- Neonatal intensive care
- Spinal cord injury
- Interventional neuroradiology.

The [Kolling Institute of Medical Research](#) is located on the RNSH campus. Researchers and clinicians are involved in practical medical research, designed to bring breakthroughs in the laboratory to the patients' bedside.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- The clinical rotation program is split across two sites between Royal North Shore Hospital and Ryde Hospital, allowing interns to gain experience both in a major teaching hospital and in a smaller metropolitan hospital
- Key training opportunities include the opportunity to initially observe pharmacy services and then assume a patient case load on the wards under clinical supervision
- Interns gain experience in inpatient and outpatient pharmacy dispensing, and in a variety of wards from medical and surgical to rehabilitation
- Interns have a number of different senior pharmacists as mentors in addition to having a very experienced and approachable preceptor providing fantastic guidance and support throughout the year
- There is a fortnightly intern tutorial to assist with development of clinical knowledge and skills in addition to fortnightly department-wide education seminars on a variety of topics
- There is also opportunity to conduct a research project such as an audit on prescribing patterns
- Day-long experiences with other services of the North Shore Local Health District such as Macquarie Hospital Mental Health Service, APAC (acute post-acute care) and Drug and Alcohol services.
- The RNSH pharmacists are team-based, rather than ward based, allowing interns to sharply develop their clinical skills and knowledge in specific medical and surgical areas e.g. Neurology, Respiratory, Cardiology

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Number of internships usually offered:

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Highlights from their intern training program:

- Opportunities for vast clinical exposure at the largest hospital campus in Australia.
- Clinical rotations include key speciality wards at Prince of Wales and secondments to Sydney Children's Hospital, Royal Hospital for Women and The Albion Centre.
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- There is also a 7 week sterile manufacturing rotation that incorporates total parenteral nutrition, paediatric oncology and adult oncology clinical pharmacy services.

Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital

Overview

Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital is located in Nowra, 2.5 hours south of Sydney in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. As a busy acute care hospital it services around 22,000 patients per year, in an area of around 100,000 people. It is affiliated with the University of Wollongong and University of NSW.

Number of beds

Approximately 200

Specialities offered

Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital provides acute care services in gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, infectious diseases, renal medicine, maternity, ophthalmology and respiratory. It includes an Intensive Care Ward, Children's Ward and Obstetrics Unit. In 2013 SDMH opened its newly constructed Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre with fully functional Oncology Pharmacy.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position.

Highlights of the Intern training program

- Well rounded training supported by a tight-knit and supportive group of pharmacists and pharmacy staff
- Thorough training in pharmacy practices such as S8s, clinical pharmacy practices, inpatient and outpatient dispensing, including SAS prescriptions.
- Opportunities to rotate independently on a number of wards, including rehabilitation and acute stroke unit, medical and surgical wards
- Develop close relationships with other health professionals as part of a multidisciplinary team, a benefit of a smaller hospital
- Potential opportunity to undertake a rotation in the new Oncology Pharmacy
- Participate in continuing education with fellow pharmacists on a regular basis

St George Hospital

Overview:

This hospital is part of the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District. St George Hospital is a large tertiary referral and teaching hospital, and one of Sydney's designated major trauma centres.

Number of beds:

550 beds

Specialties offered:

The major specialties catered for by St George include Cancer care, Endocrinology, Emergency medicine and Intensive care, Cardiology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Immunology and

Infectious Diseases, and Renal medicine. The pharmacy offers a wide range of clinical and distributive services, and has a busy cytotoxic compounding service, as well as extensive clinical trials support.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions (**advertised with Sutherland Hospital internship**)

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Rotation through each of the hospital wards with a supervising pharmacist and eventual progression to servicing a ward independently
- Session at the cancer care pharmacy with hands-on experience, assisting with aseptic manufacturing in sterile hood
- Busy dispensary promotes effective communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills
- Supportive learning environment that instils the concept of lifelong learning and continual education through grand rounds, CE talks, drug company talks, in-service and intern tutorials
- The hospital is a very strong advocate for antimicrobial stewardship

St Joseph's Hospital

Overview:

St Joseph's Hospital is a public hospital of St Vincent's Health Australia. St Joseph's has a proud tradition of more than 100 years of providing quality health care in a compassionate and highly personalised atmosphere. The hospital provides inpatient, outpatient and community service, and is a centre of excellence in rehabilitation, mental health for older people, Huntington Disease and palliative care. Responding to community need, St Vincent's Health Australia have committed to the provision of shared services in Western Sydney, and as such St Joseph's Hospital as a sister Hospital to St Vincent's, guided by the same governance structure and strategic endeavours, is an extension of St Vincent's Hospital Sydney's care into the greater West.

Number of beds:

81 beds.

Specialities offered:

St Joseph's Hospital offers an extensive range of medical and clinical services. It provides holistic, individual care in the areas of aged care assessment and rehabilitation, medical rehabilitation, aged care psychiatry and neurosciences, Huntington Disease, and palliative care.

The Pharmacy Department at St Joseph's provides a comprehensive pharmacy service to both inpatients and outpatients in an efficient, safe and timely manner. This includes supplying and dispensing medications across all wards, medication counselling services, clinical pharmacy services, medication distribution, medication aid packing and non-sterile extemporaneous compounding.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position.

Highlights from the intern training program:

The intern has the opportunity to explore and be actively involved in versatile roles and responsibilities on a daily basis. This includes partaking in daily ward rounds and subsequent assessment and review of medication charts. They also regularly collaborate with and provide drug information to medical staff on the most appropriate therapy for individual patients.

The intern position comprises of regular dispensing of medications for inpatients and for patients upon discharge, including packing medication administration aids and compounding extemporaneous products. Interns also have the opportunity to deliver a number of in-services and education sessions to medical staff, nursing staff, students and outpatients on medication use.

St Vincent's Hospital

Overview:

St Vincent's Public Hospital (St Vincent's Health Network) is a tertiary teaching hospital servicing the inner city area of Sydney and providing a highly specialised referral centre for regional areas of NSW. The hospital has been at the forefront of innovations in cardiac, lung and bone marrow transplant, HIV/AIDS, oncology, palliative care, psychiatry, renal medicine and other specialties. The Pharmacy Department provides a clinical pharmacy service to inpatients and outpatients of SVH. The Pharmacy is co-located with the Department of Clinical Pharmacology in the Therapeutics Centre.

Number of beds:

320 beds

Specialties offered:

Specialties offered include Cardiology, Cardiothoracic surgery, Heart, Lung and Bone Marrow transplant, Oncology and Haematology, HIV and Infectious diseases, Intensive care, Palliative Care and Rehabilitation, General surgery, Geriatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology, Respiratory Medicine and Community heart failure. SVH also houses one of Australia's busiest Emergency Departments.

Number of internships usually offered:

1-2 positions.

Highlights from the intern training program:

- As an intern pharmacist you will work with a team of enthusiastic pharmacists with a range of clinical experience and you will be rotated through the different areas of the Pharmacy.
- The Pharmacy also has a strong commitment to continuing professional development and research in pharmacy practice and as a pharmacist intern, you would be expected to contribute.
- If offered an intern position, there may be the opportunity to progress to a Grade One Pharmacist as part of a two-year contract

Sutherland Hospital

Overview:

Sutherland Hospital is part of the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and is located in Caringbah, a southern suburb of Sydney approximately 45 minutes from the city. The Sutherland Hospital was established in 1958 and has become a major metropolitan hospital. It mainly services the Sutherland Shire populations of 216,000, with 98% of patients living within the local area.

Number of beds:

Approximately 300 beds

Specialties offered:

Sutherland Hospital offers a comprehensive range of services including Orthopaedics, Geriatrics, Mental health, Respiratory, Oncology, Cardiology, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Rehabilitation, Intensive Care and Dialysis.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position (**advertised with St George Hospital internship**)

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Supportive environment with an enthusiastic team of pharmacists who encourage learning and professional development.
- Rotation through the hospital wards including Neurology, Oncology, Cardiology, Respiratory, Gastroenterology, Surgical, Orthopaedics, Intensive care, Rehabilitation and Aged Care.
- Busy dispensary that allows you to develop your clinical knowledge and clinical review skills.
- Attending medical and nursing meetings on the wards, as well as clinical education sessions.
- Participating in weekly tutorials at St George Hospital.
- Opportunity to provide pharmacy services and be responsible for your own ward during your internship, when competent.
- Interacting with outpatients and processing prescriptions for specialised medications including Section 100 and SAS drugs.

Sydney Hospital & Sydney Eye Hospital

Overview:

Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital is Australia's oldest hospital, and traces its beginnings back to 1788. Located in historic Macquarie Street the hospital is dominated by a series of magnificent buildings constructed in 1894.

The Pharmacy Department provides a comprehensive clinical pharmacy service, the supply of medication to inpatients and outpatients, drug information and aseptic dispensing. The diverse specialties offered at Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital enable pharmacists to gain experience in the fields of ophthalmology, drug & alcohol, HIV, sexual health, hand surgery and general medicine to form part of a motivated and supportive multi-disciplinary team.

Number of beds:

113 beds

Specialties offered:

Services provided by the hospital include, a state-wide tertiary referral facility for Ophthalmology, a specialised hand surgery unit, General medicine, and ENT surgery. The Sydney Eye Hospital is a quaternary referral unit, providing surgical and medical management of vitreo-retinal, corneal, glaucoma, oculo-plastic and oculo-oncology conditions.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position (**advertised with Prince of Wales internship**)

Highlights from the intern training program:

- The intern training program at Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital is structured to allow the intern to receive training in all aspects of pharmacy practice
- Key training includes S100 dispensing and counselling of patients in the outpatient setting; familiarisation with dispensing for clinical trials and drugs supplied via the SAS scheme
- In the initial months you will accompany a pharmacist to wards and receive training in the following areas – general medicine, drug and alcohol, ophthalmology and hand surgery.
- When competent, you will assume responsibility for the hand surgery ward and then general medicine patients
- You will have the opportunity to participate in the monthly training intern sessions conducted at Prince of Wales Hospital.

Tamworth Hospital

Overview:

Tamworth Hospital is a major referral hospital providing services to north western NSW. It is part of the Hunter New England Local Health District.

Number of beds:

288 beds

Specialties offered:

The hospital has specialist wards in General medicine, Critical Care, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Oncology, Palliative care, Rehabilitation, Mental health and Renal medicine.

Number of internships usually offered:

1-2 positions

The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Overview:

The Children's Hospital is part of a major health campus in the suburb of Westmead. It is located close to Parramatta and about 20 kilometres from Sydney Central Business District. The Children's Hospital is a stand-alone service dedicated to paediatrics. It is one of the most well respected paediatric centres in the world, reaching beyond its walls to care for children in country areas and in their own homes.

It cares for patients from newborns to adolescents, with problems as simple as tonsillitis or as complex as cardiac disease needing open-heart surgery. A centralised pharmacy service aims to provide clinical and drug distribution services to all beds. Patients throughout the State of NSW receive dispensed drugs from the Outpatients service.

Patient safety is a primary focus of the pharmacy service and hospital pharmacists play an active role in the hospital's Service Improvement Unit, whenever pharmaceuticals are discussed. The pharmacy provides teaching in paediatric pharmacology to students from many Universities both in an undergraduate and post-graduate format.

Number of beds:

Approximately 300 beds

Specialties offered:

The Children's Hospital at Westmead offers a vast array of specialty and sub-specialty areas, including but not limited to General medicine, Surgical and Orthopaedics, Paediatric Intensive Care, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Neurology, Burns and Plastics, Oncology, Hepatic and Renal transplants, Mental health and Psychological medicine, Infectious diseases and Neonatal care.

Number of internships usually offered:

2 positions

Highlights from the intern training program:

- Completing an internship at the Children's Hospital at Westmead provides a unique and highly specialised experience, distinct from most hospital positions. As one of the key paediatric facilities in the state, interns are exposed to the vast array of medical services and specialties required to cater for the individual needs of children

- Following appropriate training and competency assessment, interns have the opportunity to provide a dedicated clinical pharmacy service on the cardiology ward and burns and plastics unit on a rotational basis
- Unique clinical rotations in the cystic fibrosis clinic and pain management ward rounds
- Opportunities to undertake clinical research

The Tweed Hospital

Overview:

The Tweed Hospital is the most northerly hospital in NSW, located in the city of Tweed Heads and metres from Coolongatta on the Queensland border. It is a regional referral, level 5 base hospital within the Northern New South Wales Local Health District, and provides care to over 42,000 patients every year. The hospital has teaching and research links to Southern Cross, Sydney, Griffith, Bond and Charles Sturt universities.

Number of beds:

220 beds.

Specialties offered:

The Tweed Hospital is a major acute care provider and referral facility, with specialties including Emergency and Critical Care, Surgical services, Obstetrics, Paediatrics and Mental Health, and specialty units including Coronary Care, Cancer and Palliative Care, Renal Dialysis and Women's Care. A number of outpatient services, including Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, Child and Family Health and Chronic Diseases Management, are also provided by the hospital.

Number of internships usually offered:

1-2 positions

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital

Overview:

Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital is one of the busiest rural hospitals servicing the Murrumbidgee area. With over 38 000 emergency presentations, 28 000 hospital admissions, 700 births and approximately 10 000 operations per a year. The facilities at hospital have recently been involved in a large redevelopment project allowing for an increased capacity and modern infrastructure.

Number of beds:

Approximately 350 beds.

Specialties offered:

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital provides a broad range of specialties including Mental Health, Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Paediatric cardiology, Gastroenterology, Renal medicine, Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation services.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position

Wollongong Hospital

Overview:

Wollongong Hospital is located in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health district, one and a half hours travelling time from Sydney on the south coast of NSW. Wollongong Hospital is the Illawarra and Shoalhaven's major referral and teaching hospital. Its Emergency Department is one of the busiest in New South Wales with around 50,000 presentations each year.

The pharmacy department offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, clinical pharmacy, clinical trials, and aseptic and cytotoxic services. It is affiliated with The University of Wollongong and University of NSW.

Number of beds:

Approximately 500 beds

Specialties offered:

The specialties of Wollongong hospital include Maternal, Neonatal, Paediatric, Intensive Care, Emergency, Nephrology, Orthopaedic, Gastroenterology, Coronary care, Respiratory medicine, Mental Health, Renal and Cardiology services. Wollongong Hospital also has the Illawarra Regional Cancer Care Centre that is the largest of its kind of the South Coast.

Number of internships usually offered:

1 position.

Highlights from their intern training program:

- Vast exposure to clinical situations including 4 week rotations to Cardiology, Renal, ICU, Cancer care, Neurology and Geriatric Medicine.

- Rotations of 2 weeks to various general medical and surgical wards, Emergency, Port Kembla Hospital and Medical Assessment Unit.
- Full training in all aspects of the hospital pharmacy dispensary including S8s, Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), sterile preparation, Extemporaneous preparation of pharmaceutical products and Inpatient, Discharge and Outpatient dispensing.
- Participation in weekly pharmacotherapeutic tutorials with University of Wollongong phase 3 medical students.
- Weekly tutorials with senior pharmacists on a variety of topics relevant to the hospital intern. Formalised inter-professional learning through the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health Education Centre.