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Accredited SHPA Residency Program Sites Announced for 2017

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has today announced its first tranche of provisionally accredited residency program sites.

SHPA Chief Executive Ms Kristin Michaels said today 23 residency program sites have been accredited across Australia.

“In mid-October, we announced that 32 applications for accreditation had been received covering 57 hospitals, with a likely intake of over 130 residents. SHPA has now undertaken a detailed review of all residency program applications and evaluated them against the SHPA Accreditation Standards for pharmacy residency programs,” said Ms Michaels.

“That 72% have been awarded Accreditation following this evaluation reflects the quality of practice in hospital pharmacies around Australia and their continued commitment to experiential learning and training.”

“It was evident that all applicants had dedicated substantial time not only to preparing their comprehensive applications, but in planning their site-specific residency programs,” said Ms Michaels.

The small number of remaining sites that have not yet been accredited have been asked to submit additional information or to clarify some responses.

“We look forward to making another announcement about additional sites achieving accreditation in the coming weeks,” said Ms Michaels.

“Across all applications, there were many excellent examples of innovative experiential learning ideas, and sound evidence of detailed structures already in place with many skilled staff ready to coordinate and support a future residency program.”

SHPA’s Residency Program is a structured, formalised, supported and accredited national program of practice based experiential training. It is a two-year program that will begin in 2017.

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 4,500 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with a core base of members practising in public and private hospitals and other health service facilities.

SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core responsibility of pharmacists, especially in hospitals. SHPA supports pharmacists to meet medication and related service needs, so that both optimal health outcomes and economic objectives are achieved for Australians, as individuals, for the community as a whole and for healthcare facilities within our systems of healthcare.