

Western Health is in a period of rapid growth.

Our services comprise of four acute public hospitals: Footscray Hospital, Sunshine Hospital (including Joan Kirner Women's and Children's), Williamstown Hospital and Bacchus Marsh & Melton Hospital. We also operate Sunbury Day Hospital, Grant Lodge Residential Aged Care, as well as community health centres and a range of community-based services. We care for a diverse community of more than 1 million people with complex care needs ranging from Neonates to Geriatrics.

With more than 11,500 staff, its own Centre for Education and state of art training and research facilities, Western Health is an exciting place to work and learn. Our services include

**Footscray Hospital**

- Coronary Care
- Intensive Care Unit
- Respiratory
- Endocrinology
- General Medical
- GEM/Aged Care
- Surgical Specialties

**Sunshine Hospital**

- Oncology and Day Chemotherapy
- Infectious Diseases
- Intensive Care Unit
- Coronary Care
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Mental Health
- General Medical
- GEM/Aged Care
- Surgical Specialties
- Radiation Therapy
- Palliative Care

**Joan Kirner Women and Children's Hospital**

- Maternity / Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Special Care Nursery
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

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*Together, caring for the West, our patients, staff, community and environment.*



## PHARMACY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



## Positions

There are 7 pharmacy internship positions at Western Health in 2024

## Aim of the program

To facilitate learning and develop practical experience in preparation for registration as a pharmacist.

## Structure of the program

Practical training: An intensive clinical and manufacturing training week is conducted twice a year.

Throughout the year, Western Health's highly experienced pharmacists offer invaluable training to help interns achieve competency and learning objectives as described in our in-house competency framework.

## Rotations

Rotations are spread between Footscray and Sunshine hospitals to include the below as well as multi-disciplinary acute pain ward rounds, antimicrobial ward rounds, outreach pharmacy experience and Monash Intern Foundation Program (IFP) project time.

### 1. Clinical rotations

- General Medical wards
- General Surgical wards
- Specialty wards (Cardiology, Respiratory, Infectious Disease, Aged Care, Maternity).

From the second half of the year, interns are rostered with a higher caseload and learn to effectively manage the ward. Interns also have the option to select an elective rotation (Emergency, Neurology, Paediatrics and Mental Health)

### 2. Dispensary rotations

### 3. Manufacturing rotations



**Come and join us at Western Health!**



## About Intern Education and Exam Preparation

Western Health offers the Intern Training Program and Intern Foundation Program, which enables interns to obtain a Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice from Monash University

The Western Health pharmacy internship program provides exposures to a diverse range of health services and opportunities to work with other health professionals (nurses, doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, podiatrists, diabetes educators, and more).

There are weekly tutorials conducted by interns preceptors which cover clinical pharmacy, primary care, pharmacy legislation and Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) topics. Tutorials will also be provided by pharmacists working in specialty areas.

Mock oral exams are formally conducted in preparation for the Pharmacy Board of Australia oral exam. A designated study day is allocated for the pharmacy legislation preparation and APC intern written exam.

This is a great opportunity to develop your own skills by learning from different pharmacists in a supportive network.

Overall, our department is full of warm and welcoming staff who will help you on your intern learning journey!

*Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence & Safety*