



Our previous  
interns say



"The Alfred Health internship is definitely a great program for those who want the opportunity to work and learn from a variety of specialist pharmacists and take part in an intensive clinical service which is under constant change and improvement. It is a challenging year but very much rewarding at the same time."



*Lucy Ngo-Thai (past intern)*

"The Alfred pharmacy internship fostered an innovative, mentored educational program that increased my knowledge and confidence to register as a pharmacist."

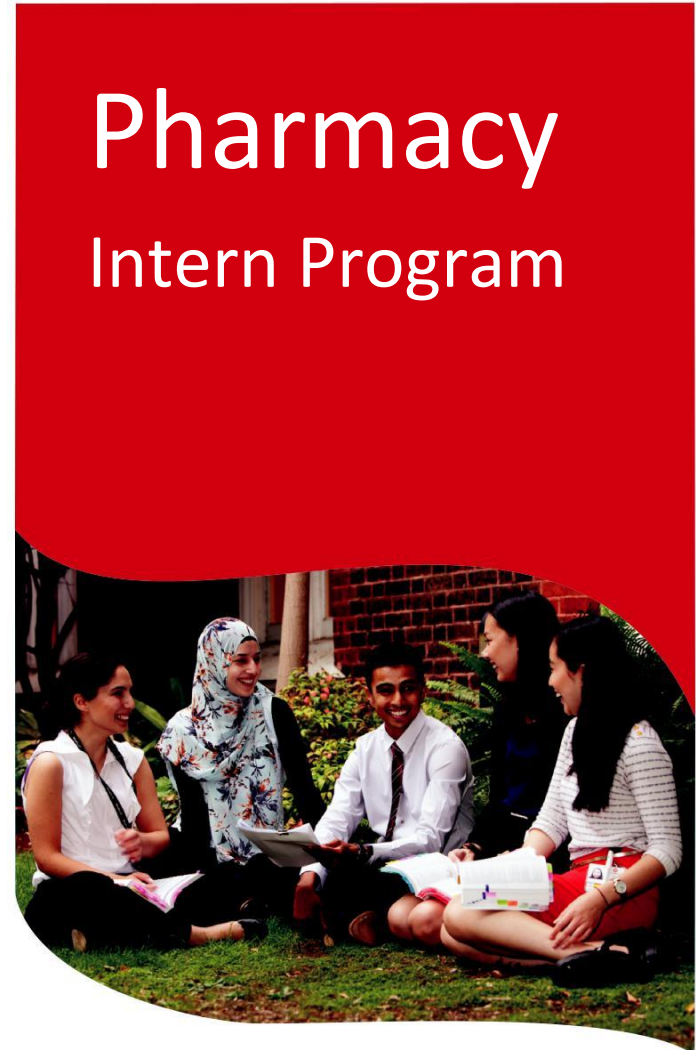


*Hadley Bortz (past intern – Monash Intern of the Year)*

"You have exposure to so many different areas at The Alfred.... There is a wealth of experience at your fingertips."



*Shevon Fernando (past intern)*



# Pharmacy Intern Program

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## Internships at the Alfred

The Alfred Health Pharmacy Department provides a comprehensive and modern intern training program at one of Australia's most eminent Clinical Pharmacy services.

Our interns learn in a department which is at the leading edge of Pharmacy practice, side-by-side with some of Australia's most advanced Clinical Pharmacists.

### KEY FEATURES

- Over 75% of internship is spent in clinical areas
- Core rotations through general medicine, surgery, cardiology and aged care
- An opportunity to complete a clinical elective in a specialty of your choice
- Rotations through inpatient dispensary, outpatient dispensary, aseptic preparations and medicines information
- Weekly intern education meetings
- Dedicated Supervisor (usually a younger pharmacist) allocated to each intern to provide guidance and advice
- Four oral practice exams run by the department under exam conditions, to simulate the real environment
- Ability to contribute to a research project and governance in a specific portfolio under the guidance of a Senior mentor

## About the pharmacy department

Over 100 pharmacists and 30 support staff enable the Alfred Health pharmacy department to provide a 7 day a week, comprehensive clinical pharmacy service through a variety of clinical specialty areas.

The Alfred's statewide services include heart and lung replacement and transplantation, cystic fibrosis, burns, HIV/AIDS, haemophilia, sexual health, hyperbaric medicine and elective surgery.

### CLINICAL PHARMACY SERVICES

Clinical pharmacy services are organised in a unit-based model, with clinical pharmacists operating as part of an integrated team, side-by-side with medical, nursing and allied health staff.

Examples of innovative practices provided by our pharmacists include:

- Ordering lab tests and independently adjusting doses for therapeutic drug monitoring and warfarin
- Assessing nicotine dependency and prescribing nicotine replacement therapy
- Assessing post-operative pain and independently adjusting opioid doses
- Attending stroke thrombolysis call-outs and assist in the management of thrombolysis
- Attending sepsis call-outs and charting antibiotics following consultation with the team

## Opportunities at the Alfred after your internship

The Alfred Health Pharmacy Department clinical services are supported by research, educational initiatives and a career progression model. To facilitate this, the following programs are available:

### • **Clinical pharmacy fellowship:**

- A two year program designed to facilitate progression to advanced practice in a specific clinical specialty
- Includes scholarship funding towards the Master of Clinical Pharmacy (MClinPharm) at Monash University

### • **Clinical pharmacy PhD program:**

- Designed to give pharmacists the opportunity and support to undertake a research program as a fundamental component of their current practice and appointment
- Supported by department to complete a part-time PhD with Monash University

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*"The Alfred Health internship is a fantastic opportunity to learn and practice in one of Australia's leading hospital pharmacy services and contribute directly to the care of patients in a dynamic and cutting edge hospital environment."*

*Professor Michael Dooley, Director of Pharmacy*