

Pharmacy Intern Program 2024

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Where is Peninsula Health?

Peninsula Health (PH) is located on the Mornington Peninsula, popular for its range of restaurants, quality beaches and wineries. PH has 12 sites delivering health services to the wider community. Frankston Hospital is the sole major provider of acute secondary and tertiary hospital services on the Mornington Peninsula and is located 40km (1 hour drive) from Melbourne CBD

2. How do I get there?

Travel against traffic during peak hours on the Eastlink. Excellent value, on-site staff car-parking. Convenient access to public transport (train station and bus-stop).

3. What Services are there?

Services include medium-to-high complexity medical and surgical services. Specialties include Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, ICU and Thoracic Medicine, Anaesthesia, Pathology, Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatric, Oncology, Haematology, Neurology, Renal Dialysis, Vascular, Gastroenterology, Infectious Diseases, and Cardiology.

4. How many intern positions?

There are four DHHS funded pharmacy intern positions at Peninsula Health since Jan 2022.

5. What Pharmacy Intern Programs do you have?

We provide the Monash University National Alliance for Pharmacy Education (NAPE) Pharmacy Intern Training Program (ITP).

This Pharmacy Board of Australia approved internship program is accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council



(APC) and contributes to 50% of the academic credit required for a Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice.

Our department participates in the Monash University Intern Foundation Program (IFP).

This program enables intern pharmacists to accumulate credit points during their workplace rotations that contribute towards the qualification of Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice.

In addition we run weekly clinical and OTC tutorials with dedicated clinical educators and experienced clinical pharmacists. We match the education with your rotations.

6. Who will support me as an intern?



AHPRA Preceptor ensures you meet your professional obligations towards registration. **Intern Preceptors** supports you in all your learning and work requirements throughout your intern year, delivers your roster, teaches one to one and facilitate all your education. Your allocated intern **Buddy** or mentor provides informal day to day support and encouragement and helps you during the year. Experienced competently trained pharmacy **clinical supervisors** support you in all your rotations.

Research Supervisor guides you to plan, develop your question, apply for ethics and produce your own research project.

7. What other support is there?

Our broader **Pharmacy Team** wants you to succeed and will support you along the way.

Practice exams conducted under strict conditions will help you succeed in your real exams. We have an excellent track record of interns passing the registration exam.

Employee assistance program is available to all staff at Peninsula Health.

8. What does the roster look like*

Orientation and training for 6 weeks will provide key knowledge and IT processes to underpin the clinical year. Three-weekly rotations in core clinical areas build your experience in medical and surgical areas within Frankston Hospital followed by experience in a variety of clinical areas - 80% of your experience is in clinical areas.

*subject to updates

Core areas

(split block weeks)

General Medical 10

Surgical 8

Operational -Dispensary / Sterile 13

Breadth

(3 continuous weeks)

Psychiatry

Gastroenterology Neurology

Respiratory Renal

Cardiology

Rehabilitation

Additional

(weeks)

ICU 1

Perioperative & Theatres 2 days

QUM 1

ED 2

ID / AMS 1 - 2

Community Care Team 2 days

9. What additional experience is there?

Community care – you will work with our community pharmacy team to manage complex patients and liaise with multidisciplinary teams.

Experience **Theatres** and manage surgical patients with the **Perioperative** pharmacists.

Experience **Sub-acute Care** at rehabilitation community care sites, Golf Links road, The Mornington Centre and Rosebud Hospital - manage patient care in smaller sites for 1 week blocks.

Quality Use of Medicine - work on medication safety, quality improvement, decision support and formulary work.

10. What IT systems do you use?

Cerner electronic prescribing system

iPharmacy dispensing and inventory system.

HS8 – electronic DD register

11. Governance and feedback?

Governance for our internship program is facilitated via our Education Committee. We like to hear how you are going during the year both informally and via two monthly electronic feedback surveys.

12. What opportunities are available at Peninsula Health after internship?

SHPA accredited Residency Program

- This two year program is designed to support development in clinical pharmacy for early career pharmacists.
- An internal / external recruitment process exists for residency positions. There is no automatic entry to the program for existing interns.



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