Get the competitive edge

Guild Intern Training Program

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland) and its Intern Training Program are accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council.
WHY CHOOSE THE GUILD ITP?

The Guild ITP is an innovative pre-registration program for pharmacy interns, balancing a solid foundation in business management and operational skills, with a comprehensive clinical program - giving you the competitive edge. The course is designed not only to prepare you to pass the Australian Pharmacy Council’s written exam and Pharmacy Board of Australia’s final oral exam, but to enable you to develop the practical skills that will make you ready for full registration as a competent, ethical pharmacist.

Our program is at the forefront of pharmacy

In the wake of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement, pharmacy is becoming increasingly involved with professional programs; the Guild ITP recognises the importance of thorough training in the delivery and implementation of these new professional service initiatives for interns beginning their career.

Interactive and personal course delivery

The Guild ITP incorporates a range of delivery methods to suit your learning needs including face-to-face workshops, online learning modules and monthly webinars that you can log in to from home or work. Unique to the Guild ITP, you also receive workplace visits from your clinical tutor, providing onsite assistance and mentoring, and a chance to discuss your progress one-on-one.

We know community pharmacy like no one else

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is the national peak body representing owners of community pharmacies across Australia. We know the industry, we know the practical skills you will need, and we know what your employer will expect from you. Our members are your future employers!

Our clinical tutors are exam experts

The Guild ITP clinical tutors have observed multiple oral exam sessions and discussed the marking process in detail with examiners to ensure that they can best guide you on how to prepare. The workplace visits give you a chance to discuss personal preparation for the exams and the opportunity for individual coaching.

FREE registration for APP

The Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference and Trade Exhibition (APP) is the premier event for pharmacy. Guild interns get access to specialized intern-only workshops and sessions, as well as a range of educational, clinical and business conference sessions, and the best networking opportunities in the pharmacy calendar. Visit www.appconference.com to find out more.

GUILD ITP BENEFITS

- Dedicated online forum
- Informative monthly eBulletins
- Support with AHPRA registration process
- Placement support
- Free professional indemnity insurance
- Free access to resources including: eTherapeutic Guidelines and eMIMS

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Introductory adult learning workshop with interns and their preceptors
- Workplace visits from clinical tutors
- Face-to-face workshops throughout the year
- Two written assignments
- Interactive online modules
- One five minute presentation to peers to improve communication skills
- Monthly discussion groups via webinar
- Quarterly preceptor evaluations
- Production of a portfolio including: Self-Learning Projects, Reflective Learning Experiences, a Health Promotion Assignment and CPD points documenting your journey to competency

START DATES

There are two intakes for the program:

Start of Year Intake
Enrolments open 1 November and close 31 January

Midyear Intake
Enrolments open 1 June and close 31 August

These dates are flexible according to intern needs, so if an intern requires an alternative date you can contact the Guild to discuss your options.
Throughout the intern training year, the Guild ITP encourages interns to increase their knowledge and skills in contemporary pharmacy practice, covering a range of practice issues through a variety of delivery methods.

**Communication**
The Guild ITP has a strong focus on learning to successfully communicate with other health professionals and patients. Interns also gain valuable insight into how best to communicate in a multicultural environment.

**Management**
From financial management to human resource basics, Guild interns learn about managing a pharmacy, including leadership skills and how to maintain good working relationships.

The Guild ITP also covers recent developments in community pharmacy, such as the implementation and delivery of Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement professional programs, providing interns with the most up-to-date knowledge and skills and setting them on the path to a successful pharmacy career.

**Patient Care and Quality Use of Medicines (QUM)**
- Cardiovascular health: the role of pharmacy in screening, risk assessment and management
- Managing diabetes through community pharmacy
- Asthma management in pharmacy practice
- The role of pharmacy in mental health conditions and patient care
- Complementary medicines and their place in pharmacy practice
- Wound care in the acute setting: effective pharmacy care
- Harm Minimisation Programs: Opioid Treatment and Needle & Syringe Exchange
- Cultural competence: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pharmacy
- Family planning and sexual health in pharmacy
- Infant feeding: lactation, breastfeeding, formula and the role of the pharmacist

**Issues in Prescribing**
- Geriatric prescribing: optimising care for the elderly and reducing fall risk
- Psychiatric prescribing: mental health and depression
- Common eye conditions: optometric dispensing and when to refer
- Paediatric prescribing: dosing issues and considerations
- Prescribing principles: drugs during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Dermatological prescribing and pharmacy practice

**Dispensing and Pharmacy Practice**
- Medication knowledge and patient counselling
- Primary health care and over the counter medicines
- Legal and ethical pharmacy practice: rights and legislative responsibilities
- Patient considerations: privacy, confidentiality and consent
- Medication Management Reviews: case studies in practice
- Common dispensing errors: a guide to good dispensing
- Insurance matters: pharmacist liability
- The PBS and YOU: what pharmacists NEED to know

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**COSTS & PAYMENT PLANS**

Option 1: Single payment on the day of application processing attracts a discount of $95. Total cost = $1855

Option 2: Payment plans are available. Total cost = $1950

PLUS, PAYMENT IS NOT TAKEN UNTIL COURSE COMMENCEMENT.

Should an intern experience genuine hardship in meeting these payment options they can contact the Guild Intern Training Program Coordinator to make alternative arrangements.

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**WHAT OUR PAST INTERNS ARE SAYING**

“The best part of the Guild ITP was the personal attention the clinical tutors and course coordinator were able to pay me. Any problems I had were immediately answered which made my ITP experience more enjoyable and hassle-free, and allowed me to focus on what I needed to achieve over the year. The up-to-date approach that the Guild takes to intern training really addresses the issues that are most important to today’s pharmacists.

Would I choose the Guild ITP again? Absolutely.”

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**Michael Thorp, Carina Day and Night Pharmacy**
WHAT OUR PAST INTERNS & PRECEPTORS ARE SAYING

“I loved the workshops because they focused on areas that we hadn’t covered extensively at uni, so we were able to increase our knowledge and confidence. I also liked the one-on-one workplace visits, they made my intern experience more personal and I didn’t feel like I was just a number amongst many students.”

Anita Gedeon, Pharmacist, Malouf Pharmacies Harbourside

“I found the preceptor adult learning workshop at the start of the program to be very productive and the Guild ITP has continued to provide support and guidance, not only for myself as the preceptor, but for my interns. The workplace visits are a great asset to the program and are a very effective method for the clinical tutor to assess the intern and the preceptor in the workplace.”

Michael Inglis, Preceptor, Malouf Pharmacies Harbourside