

# Students Guide to Hospital Pharmacy Internships in WA



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# WA Perth Metropolitan Hospitals

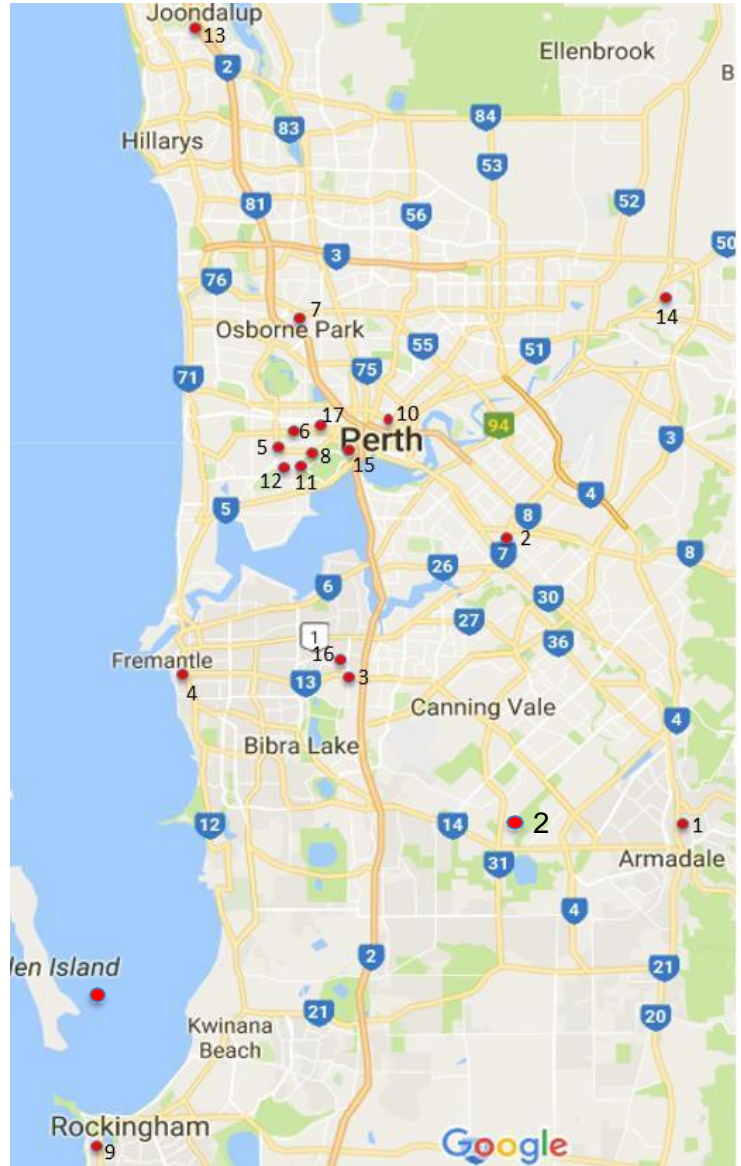
## Public Hospitals

- Armadale Health Service (1)
- Bentley Health Service (2)
- Fiona Stanley Hospital (3)
- Fremantle Hospital (4)
- Graylands Hospital (5)
- King Edward Memorial Hospital (6)
- Osborne Park Hospital (7)
- Perth Children's Hospital (8)
- Rockingham General Hospital (9)
- Royal Perth Hospital (10)
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (11)

(See page 6 for WACHS hospitals)

## Private Hospitals

- Hollywood Hospital (12)
- Joondalup Hospital (*public & private*) (13)
- St John of God Midland (*public & private*) (14)
- The Mount Hospital (15)
- St John of God Murdoch (16)
- St John of God Subiaco (17)



Locations are an approximate guide.

Please seek a more detailed map for more accurate location of hospitals.

## WA Public Hospitals

WA Health has 85 hospitals spread across an area of 2.5 million square kilometres, including 7 tertiary, 8 secondary and 70 country sites, providing world class free health care to our population of 2.5 million Australian citizens and permanent residents. Services provided at public hospitals may include emergency care, elective and emergency surgery, medical treatment, maternity services and rehabilitation programs.

WA public hospitals are broken down into five Health Service Providers (HSP), three that are in the Perth metropolitan area including South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS), North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) and East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS). Country Services are managed by the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and there is also the specialist paediatric Children and Adolescence Health Service (CAHS).

### North Metropolitan Health Service

The North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) is a leader in delivering timely access to high quality health care to Western Australians and is rapidly evolving and embracing medical advancements to deliver improved clinical outcomes in the face of rising challenges for all health care providers. The NMHS provides a health service in the metropolitan area with a 3,000 square kilometre catchment, in which almost 1 million people – 40 per cent of the State's population reside.

Hospitals within this health service include:

- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- Osborne Park Hospital
- King Edward Memorial Hospital (Women and Newborn Health Service)
- Graylands Hospital (North Metropolitan Mental Health Service)

### South Metropolitan Health Service

The South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS) delivers quality, safe and effective hospital and health services within a catchment area stretching 3300 square kilometres across the southern half of Perth.

Hospitals within this health service include:

- Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Fremantle Hospital
- Rockingham General Hospital

## East Metropolitan Health Service

The East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS) comprises an extensive hospital and health service network that aims to maintain and improve the health and wellbeing of more than 670,000 West Australians in its catchment area.

Our hospital network works together to provide a combination of tertiary, secondary and specialist health care services including emergency and critical care, state trauma, elective and emergency surgery, general medical, mental health, inpatient and outpatient services, aged care, palliative care, rehabilitation and women's, children's and neonates services.

Hospitals within this health service include:

- Royal Perth Hospital
- Bentley Health Service
- Armadale Health Service (Armadale Hospital and Kalamunda Hospital)

## Child and Adolescent Health Service

The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) provides a comprehensive service supporting the health, wellbeing, and development of young Western Australians. We aim to ensure that children and young people get the best start in life through health promotion; early identification and intervention; and patient-centered, family-focused care. The Child and Adolescent Health Service encompasses, Neonatology, Child and Adolescent Community Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

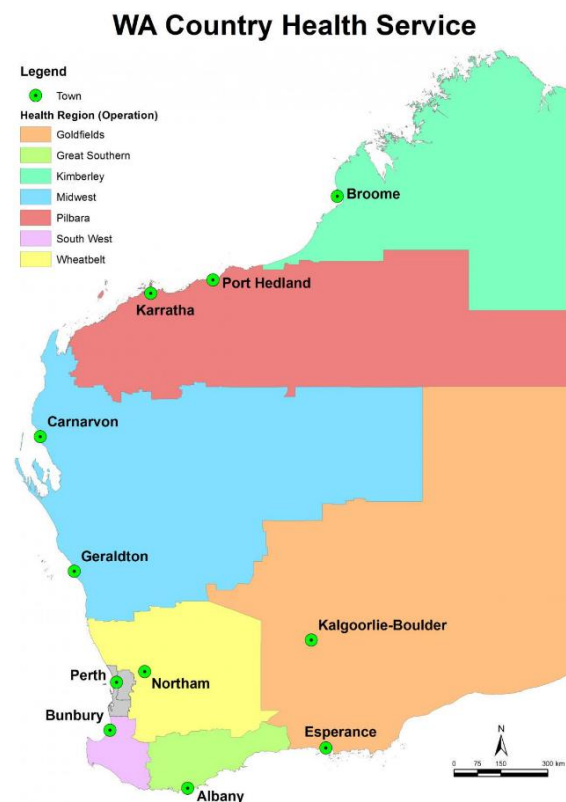
## WA Country Health Service

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is the largest country health service in Australia, covering 2.5 million square kilometres. WACHS is committed to providing a quality health care workforce and accessible health services to the regional population.

Across its 70 hospitals WACHS handles almost as many emergency presentations as hospitals in the metropolitan area combined and almost as many births as the State's major maternity hospital. There are a number of smaller health centres and nursing posts as well as Indigenous health, population health, mental health, palliative care, cancer treatment and aged care services.

WACHS consists of seven administrative regions supported by the central office in Perth.

They are the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest, the Wheatbelt, the Goldfields, the Southwest and the Great Southern.





Resource Hospitals within this health service include:

- Broome Hospital (Kimberley Region)
- Port Hedland Hospital (Pilbara Region)
- Geraldton Hospital (Midwest Region)
- Northam Hospital (Wheatbelt Region)
- Kalgoorlie Hospital (Goldfields Region)
- Bunbury Hospital (Southwest Region)
- Albany Hospital (Great Southern Region)

For further information about WACHS intern positions, please contact Meanie Utting via [Melanie.Utting@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Melanie.Utting@health.wa.gov.au)

## WA Public Hospital Pharmacy Internships

Many WA public hospitals provide structured training programs for intern pharmacists to provide them with experience in dispensing, clinical services and medicines information. This program occurs during working hours and is conducted alongside the Intern Training Program which interns are required to complete to be eligible for registration as a pharmacist. These additional training sessions will assist you to gain the competencies required for registration as pharmacists and specialisation in hospital pharmacy.

All intern pharmacists are expected to complete at least 1824 hours of supervised practice throughout their intern year whether they complete their internship in the community, hospital or industry setting.

## WA Private Hospital Pharmacy Internships

Pharmacy departments within private hospitals are privately owned with the exception of St John of God Subiaco Hospital. As with the pharmacy internship roles in WA public hospitals, the WA private hospital pharmacies offering pharmacy internship positions provide structured training programs for intern pharmacists. The workplace experiences include developing the competencies required to be eligible to register as a pharmacist with AHPRA at the conclusion of the internship year, as well as experiences providing clinical pharmacy services to patients. There are private hospital pharmacy providers in WA who participate in the SHPA's Residency Program.

Some private hospital pharmacies have an attached community pharmacy which services the public by dispensing scripts and selling over-the-counter medications.

WA private hospital pharmacy internships may have a different focus to public hospital pharmacy internships. It

is advised that individual private hospital pharmacy departments be contacted with regards to the structure of their intern training program.

# How to Apply for a Hospital Internship

## WA Public Hospitals

WA Health has implemented an online recruitment system where all applications are submitted electronically via the Department of Health website. By applying online, you ensure that your application has been received as you are notified of its receipt immediately. You may also track the progress of your application throughout the recruitment process and can elect to be notified when certain positions become available in the future. A further benefit to applying online is that you can build your profile with your resume/Curriculum Vitae, copies of your qualifications and credentialing that can be used when applying for other positions in the future.

Prospective Interns can make an account on the website ([www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au)) and subscribe to new job alerts. It is important to pay careful attention to the closing date as late applications can only be accepted in the event of proven ICT failure. The closing date is typically two to three weeks from the initial advertising date.

The recruitment process includes advertising the vacancy, shortlisting applicants, interview/assessment, conducting referee checks, undertaking employment screening (criminal record check, WA Health Service Check Register and employment health assessment) and offering the position to the successful applicant(s).

WA public hospitals conduct their intern recruitment process as a collective recruitment pool, performing the shortlisting process and interviews together through a single process. Interviewed applicants are ranked based on performance throughout the recruitment process and are requested to nominate preferred hospital sites at interview. Intern placements are offered to successful applicants in order of ranking. Further details on placement offers is communicated to applicants who are shortlisted for interview.

\*Emails generated by the WA Health recruitment system have in the past been delivered to spam or junk mail boxes. It is recommended you regularly review your spam and junk mailboxes so that important emails are not overlooked\*

# What is required when Submitting an Application to be a Hospital Intern?

## Cover Letter

To enhance your chances of getting hired, it is crucial to provide a cover letter that acquaints the prospective employer with your suitability for the job. This entails highlighting your relevant background and tying it to the requirements outlined in the job advertisement to showcase why you are the ideal candidate for the position.



## Selection Criteria

Be careful to appropriately answer the selection criteria advertised for each position. Provide evidence (1-2 specific examples) of where, and how, you have gained the required experience, skills or knowledge highlighted in the selection criteria.

Examples can stem from not only the field of pharmacy but also through other personal or professional experiences. Try and think of examples which will differentiate you from other candidates rather than focusing purely upon your studies of pharmacy.

The use of concise and articulate language is expected, and proof-reading is a must - you don't want to miss out on an interview because of spelling mistakes! University careers services are valuable resources and can assist in fine-tuning your resume, helping to address selection criteria and prepare for interviews by practicing interview questions.

## Resume / Curriculum Vitae

A resume is a marketing tool. It needs to demonstrate that you are employable, how you meet the job and the organisations' requirements, that you have the right qualifications, education, experience, and skill set and that you have the right level of professionalism for the job.

The length of a resume is flexible and dependent on one's level of education and experience. A novice job seeker should aim for one to two pages, while individuals with extensive work history or educational background can opt for up to three pages.

Your resume is your first impression – make sure it is well presented and professional. Make sure the grammar and spelling are checked carefully, number each page and put your name on all pages of information you submit. It is important to be honest and concise.

1. Suggested headings:
2. Your personal summary information
  - name, address, contact details: email & phone number, visa status, date of birth
3. Skills and attributes
4. Work experience
  - responsibilities and achievements
  - date order, explain any significant gaps
5. Education & Training Professional Activities
  - current and previous pharmacy related committees
6. Presentations & Publications (if relevant)
7. Referees

Consider referees carefully and ALWAYS ask their permission. Ensure they are relevant to the job you have applied for. Note that they may not be the only people contacted. Provide email and phone contact details and avoid putting “referees available on request”.

Referees at formal interviews are requested to provide comment against the selection criteria for the position and reflect on your general suitability.

For the latest vacancies, see the following web page:

[www.jobs.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.health.wa.gov.au)

[www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au)

## WA Private Hospitals

Internship positions at private hospital pharmacies in WA are not advertised via WA Health but are usually advertised on job search websites such as ‘Seek’ and ‘pharmjobs.com.au’. If you are interested in a role in a private hospital pharmacy, it is recommended you contact them to determine when and where they advertise their internship positions.

Relevant websites include:

[www.pharmjobs.com.au](http://www.pharmjobs.com.au)

[www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au)

## Other States and Territories

In the public sector, every state and territory has a different process for recruiting pharmacy interns. Some states and territories have only one application for all their hospitals and one interview to prioritise their candidates. Other states and territories, can advertise each position individually which requires a separate application and interview for each hospital or some states have a similar pool system (e.g. NSW Health has implemented an

online recruitment system where all applications are submitted electronically (eRecruit). A separate application must be submitted for each position you wish to apply for, although some hospitals may choose to conduct their interviews together.)

This process can change year-to-year and students interested in moving interstate should regularly visit the relevant health department recruitment websites for further details. It is important to remember that although WA advertise their positions around May every year, other states and territories can advertise throughout the year.

### **Relevant public sector websites:**

NSW Health

<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/>

ACT Government Health

<https://acthealth.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en>

Northern Territory Health

[http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Careers/Job\\_Search/index.aspx](http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Careers/Job_Search/index.aspx)

Queensland Health

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/jobs/>

South Australia Health

<http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au/>

Tasmania Health

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/career/home>

Victoria Health

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/jobs/>

# Preparing for the Interview

It is recommended that all applicants prepare thoroughly for their interviews. Many hospitals receive over 100 applications for only 1 to 7 positions, so it is important that you stand out.

The interview will comprise of three sections:

1. Clinical case / Patient Medication Review
2. Primary care case
3. Written question/ activity?

Some standard scenarios that may be included in your interview questions are:

- Identify issues with a medication chart and contact the prescriber if necessary
- Counsel on a new medication to a patient / carer
- Demonstrate how to use a device
- Time management and prioritising tasks
- Managing a clinical error or conflict e.g. dispensing error

Interviews can also be structured as scenarios and clinical case studies, with activities and questions used to identify your skills and how they may meet the selection criteria of the position.

Hints for Interview Day

- BE ON TIME!
- Be well groomed and wear industry-appropriate clothing.
- Be friendly, professional and don't forget to smile!
- Shake hands confidently.
- Sit upright – don't slouch or fidget.
- Listen to each question carefully and answer the question that is asked.
- Don't be afraid to ask the interviewer to repeat the question or clarify a point.
- Speak clearly and confidently. Maintain eye contact.
- Don't say anything negative about a past job.

## What SHPA can offer you!



SHPA offers intern and student memberships. You do not have to work in a hospital to be a member. SHPA's membership is diverse, reflecting changes in healthcare. In addition to hospitals, members work in community pharmacy, academia, research, industry, government, consultant pharmacy and a range of quality use of medicines projects, medication safety, Clinical Governance, and medicines management programs.

SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with an especially strong base of members practicing in public and private hospitals and other facilities. Young pharmacists make up a third of all hospital pharmacy positions, many of whom are leading change. SHPA membership is also free for students and supports pharmacy students during their pathway to becoming a pharmacist.

SHPA can offer the following:

- You can use SHPA materials to prepare for important job interviews and show that you are a 'current, informed and connected' pharmacist.
- Support to help you build a better career through employment opportunities via SHPA jobs board, high quality MMR accreditation program, research and development grants and discounted access to shpaclinCAT competency assessment training
- Exclusive to SHPA members, 'shpacpd' supports your lifelong practice as a current, informed and connected pharmacist and helps you meet annual CPD requirements with access to the following resources:
  - Continuing education lectures on DVD with online assessment questions
  - Free subscription to the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research and online access to crucial pharmacy resources, research journal articles and reference e-books through EBSCOhost, Medline and Dynamed
  - SHPA e-news and national bulletins that provide timely updates
  - Online resources such as the Medicines Information Training Workbook
  - Clinical pharmacy seminars, face-to-face lectures, symposiums and conferences
- The SHPA networks are a great way for young pharmacists to identify role models and mentors
- Opportunities to work on SHPA committees with like-minded colleagues and specialists to advance pharmacy services and practice standards



- Stay connected with pharmacists leading the profession with opportunities to network with like-minded peers and regular eNews and social media updates on issues impacting your practice
- SHPA's Annual National Medicines Management Conference attracts hundreds of delegates and includes more than 200 short papers and posters, many coming from young pharmacists

## About the Hospitals

For the purpose of this hospital pharmacy internship guide, the number of pharmacy internships offered at each hospital is provided from current information and may vary depending on ownership and managerial changes. In total, approximately 12 public and private hospitals in the WA usually offer pharmacy internship positions. A short description of these hospitals is listed below:

## Albany Health Campus

Albany Health Campus is the health regional resource centre for the state's Great Southern region. The pharmacy department at AHC provides services across the region. The Great Southern region is located on the south coast of Western Australia, adjoining the Southern Ocean, where the coast extends for approximately 250 km.



### Specialties offered:

Albany Health Campus offers a comprehensive range of specialty and subspecialty services including: Aged Care, Cancer Services, General Medicine, General Surgery, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Elective surgical services, Paediatrics & Neonatal, Renal Dialysis, Rehabilitation and Subacute Care, Specialist Palliative Care.

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

### Highlights of the intern training program include:

- The chance to work with a growing team of clinical pharmacists and support staff.
- Rotation through the different areas of the pharmacy department, experiencing all facets of hospital pharmacy practice.
- A strong focus on clinical pharmacy across a variety of clinical settings including acute and subacute inpatient and specialist outpatient services.
- The chance to visit regional sites across the Great Southern region and gain an understanding of the challenges faced in regional health.

- The opportunity to experience regional living in the beautiful Great Southern region.

**Contact:** Mathew Armstrong (08) 9892 2351

## Armadale Health Service

The Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG) is part of the East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS) and incorporates Armadale Health Service, Armadale Mental Health Service and Kalamunda District Community Hospital since it's amalgamation on July 1 2016.

### Number of beds:

- Armadale Health Service: 250 bed general hospital
- Armadale Mental Health Service: 41 beds, providing care to adults and older adults both as inpatients and in the community.
- Kalamunda District Community Hospital: 39 beds



### Specialties offered:

The hospital offers a comprehensive range of specialty and sub specialty services including: Aged Care, General Medicine, General Surgery, Intensive Care, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Elective surgical services (Ear, Nose and Throat, Urology, Vascular, Plastics), Paediatrics & Neonatal, Renal Dialysis, Rehabilitation and Subacute Care, Specialist Palliative Care.

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

### Highlights of the intern training program include:

- The opportunity to experience a number of wards following clinical pharmacists and to help oversee surgical ward and preadmission clinic
- The opportunity to help coordinate the running of the dispensary, including overseeing clozapine dispensing and acting as the clozapine coordinator
- The opportunity to participate in various educational sessions including training junior medical doctors and the new graduate nurses, and presenting at corporate induction. There is also the opportunity to attend fortnightly grand rounds and undertake medication safety projects.
- Tutorials covering clinical, legal and primary health care topics.

**Contact:** My Ling Nguyen (08) 9391 2043

# Bunbury Hospital

Bunbury Hospital is the largest hospital in the WA Country Health Service (WACHS), and is the major referral hospital for the south-west land division, home to over 170,000 people. The main Pharmacy Department is based at Bunbury Hospital with a satellite pharmacy at Busselton Health Campus. The Pharmacy team provide services across the entire



region. The South West region is located in close proximity to Perth on the south west coast of Western Australia, one of the most beautiful rural coastal locations in Australia, surrounded by perfect beaches, world-class wineries and spectacular landscapes.



Bunbury Hospital has commenced work for a major redevelopment. The project combines an infrastructure program to increase critical capacity, critical care and theatre capability, education, plus planning and service development for the Hospital. This redevelopment will occur over the next 5 to 7 years and is anticipated to result in a doubling of the number of beds available at Bunbury Hospital and result in it becoming a centre of excellence for teaching, training and research. Providing country clinicians with unrivalled professional development & research opportunities right here in Bunbury.



## WACHS-SW Hospitals

The WACHS-SW area is divided into 3 governance sections – Bunbury, Coastal and Inland. There are 12 hospitals and 1 nursing post in the region. There are 4 Multipurpose Sites (MPS) in the region which have dedicated aged care beds. These are located at Augusta, Boyup Brook, Nannup and Pemberton. All South West hospitals have an Emergency Department. There are greater than 350 beds across the region.

## Regional Resource Centre;

- Bunbury Hospital

**Specialties offered:** Bunbury Hospital offers a comprehensive range of specialty and subspecialty services including: Emergency Medicine, Aged Care, General Medicine, Intensive Care, General Surgery, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Elective surgical services, Paediatrics & Neonatal, Rehabilitation and Subacute Care, Community Palliative Care & Cancer Services and Ambulatory / HomeLink Services

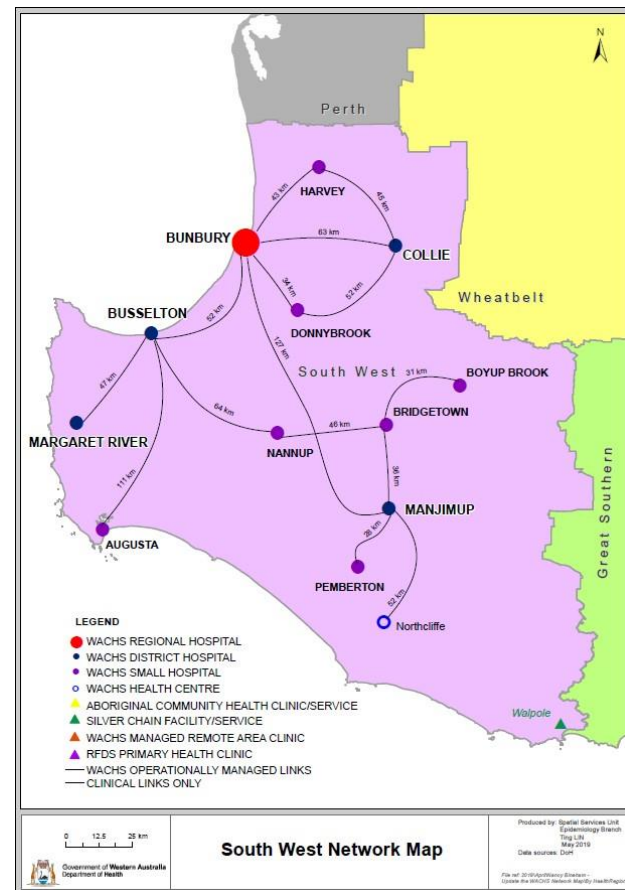
Bunbury Hospital is co-located at the South West Health Campus with St John of God Bunbury private hospital, sharing a common ED, theatre complex and support facilities. This partnership offers many unique opportunities in a rural location.

**Coastal;**

- Augusta Hospital – MPS including residential and Lodge patients and acute patients.
- Busselton Hospital – Acute site with General Medicine, General Surgery, Geriatrics and Rehabilitation, Day Procedure, Theatre, Community Mental Health, Maternity and Hospice / Palliative Care
- Margaret River Hospital – Acute site with General Medicine, Theatre and Maternity

**Inland;**

- Boyup Brook Hospital – MPS including residential and Lodge patients and acute patients.
- Bridgetown Hospital – Acute site with General Medicine, Theatre and Maternity
- Collie Hospital – Acute site with General Medicine, Theatre (redevelopment underway) and Maternity
- Donnybrook Hospital – Acute site with General Medicine, Minor Theatre and expanding Rehabilitation services.
- Harvey Hospital – Acute site with General Medicine and long stay patients.
- Nannup Hospital – MPS including residential and acute patients.
- Northcliffe Nursing Post
- Pemberton Hospital – MPS including residential and acute patients.
- Warren Hospital (Manjimup) – Acute site with General Medicine, Theatre and Maternity



**Number of internships usually offered:** Three positions

**Highlights of the intern training program include:**

- Opportunity to work in a growing, tight- knit team from a mix of backgrounds and experiences offering a supportive and friendly environment.
- Mentoring by experienced clinical pharmacists
- Experiences across a variety of clinical settings and specialty services
- Gain an understanding of the challenges faced by regional sites and patients
- Experience in medication supply logistics and cold chain transport
- Option for support to be provided for OTC experience
- Option to share time between Bunbury and Busselton teams, and visit other sites
- An excellent work/life balance



**Website:** [South West Intranet: WACHS-South West news & information \(health.wa.gov.au\)](http://South West Intranet: WACHS-South West news & information (health.wa.gov.au))

**Contact:** Naomi Lillywhite 0429 674 220

## Broome Regional Hospital



There are two major hospital facilities in the Kimberley region, located in Broome and Kununurra. These support smaller regional hospitals in Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Wyndham.

### Specialties offered:

Broome Hospital offers a comprehensive range of specialty and subspecialty services including: Rural/Remote Medicine, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Cancer Services, General Medicine, General Surgery, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Elective surgical services, Paediatrics & Neonatal, Renal Dialysis, Specialist Palliative Care.

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

**Highlights of the intern training program include:**

- Every day is a highlight when you live in the Kimberley

**Contact:** Roy Finnigan (08) 9194 2820

## Fiona Stanley Hospital

Fiona Stanley Hospital is the major tertiary site for South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS), located in Murdoch in the south of Perth.

**Number of beds:** 783 beds

**Specialties offered:**

Tertiary level patient care is provided at FSH in acute medical, surgical and medical specialty services, State burns service, State rehabilitation service, State heart and lung transplant service, comprehensive cancer services, mental health, maternity, paediatric & neonatal services, intensive care and emergency services.



The pharmacy department provides a comprehensive service encompassing inpatient and outpatient dispensing, clinical pharmacy services to both inpatients and some outpatient specialties, investigational drugs, aseptic and non-aseptic compounding, state of the art drug distribution systems utilising automated technology and numerous quality activities including professional development and education opportunities, medicines information service, medication safety and antimicrobial stewardship programs. There is a strong focus on research and publication, with staff experienced in these areas available to provide mentorship and support. FSH participates in the SHPA residency program, with the introduction of several advanced residency opportunities in 2022.

FSH utilises a number of automation hardware and software systems to improve the safety of medication management, staff efficiency and enhance the governance of medication use in the hospital. These include three ROWA robots in the dispensary and stores areas, electronic controlled drug safes, MedStations and A-Stations for storage of medication in wards and procedural/theatre areas, use of smart-pump technology for intravenous infusions and electronic prescribing in the intensive care unit.

**Number of internships usually offered:** Seven positions

**Intern training program:**

Interns will be rotated through all areas of pharmacy services, gaining practical experience in dispensary, clinical services, compounding, investigational drugs and drug distribution. A number of observational experiences are also offered to broaden the intern's experience.

**Highlights of the intern training program include:**

- Opportunities to participate in a variety of continuing education forums, including a dedicated intern tutorial series tailored to assist interns translate their academic knowledge into practical application and assist in their preparation for the AHPRA oral exam. Extensive clinical training at both Fiona Stanley Hospital and Fremantle Hospital sites
- Aseptic and non-aseptic compounding training.
- Participation in a research project, with support to present research outcomes at suitable local and/or national forums.
- Supportive training, competency assessment and feedback in various pharmacy practice areas. The opportunity to learn from pharmacists with a wide range of experience in a large department under the guidance of an experienced preceptor

**Website:** [www.fsh.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.fsh.health.wa.gov.au)

**Contact:** Lynda Blogg (08) 6152 4903

## Fremantle Hospital

Fremantle Hospital and Health Service is a specialist hospital focused on providing high-quality aged care, mental health, secondary rehabilitation, planned surgery with an emphasis on ophthalmology and hand surgery and specialist medical services.

**Number of beds:** 252 beds

### Specialties offered:

The services offered at Fremantle Hospital include:

- Mental health – inpatient and community mental health services for adults and older adults
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedic surgery
- Specialist hand surgery
- Elective surgery including Plastic, ENT, Gynaecological, Vascular surgery
- Elective endoscopic procedures
- Acute pain management
- Aged care (geriatric and rehabilitation services)
- General medicine – for inpatients and outpatients, endocrinology, including diabetes clinics
- Sexual Health
- Rehabilitation services – general and ortho-geriatric rehabilitation

**Number of internships usually offered:** All Fiona Stanley Hospital interns participate in clinical training at Fremantle Hospital, with potential for an extended rotation in the mental health specialty available to selected interns on a request basis.





# Geraldton Regional Hospital



The Midwest health region of Western Australia covers more than 605,000 square kilometres, approximately one quarter of the total land mass of WA, and services a population over 64,000 concentrated along the coast. The region is located in the northern central area of Western Australia and incorporates three health districts - Gascoyne, Geraldton, Midwest and Murchison.

## Specialties offered:

The Geraldton Health Campus is the regional health campus for the Midwest region and includes the Geraldton Hospital. Services provided at the Geraldton Health Campus include: Inpatient and outpatient hospital services, 24-hour Emergency Department supported by Emergency Telehealth Services, maternity and newborn services, surgical services, renal, medical specialist services, medical imaging, high dependency/intensive care, paediatrics, palliative care services, Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS), telehealth, comprehensive cancer care including Midwest Cancer Centre, visiting oncologists, regional cancer care coordinator, McGrath breast care nurses and Protea lodge, community health, allied health, aged and community care, mental health and visiting specialist services

In Geraldton, it is all about the lifestyle! It's what brings people to Geraldton and what makes them stay. With a beautiful mediterranean climate, the sun shines almost all the time. In winter the temperature averages around 20°C and 33°C in summer. It makes for the perfect beach lifestyle and Geraldton's stunning coastline attracts people from all over the world. Whether it is water sports, a spot of fishing, saying hello to our friendly Sea Lions or just to relax – our beaches are world-class.

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

## Highlights of the intern training program:

As an intern you will be able to travel to the regional sites in the Midwest such as the Murchison and Gascoyne districts and remote communities including Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Cue, Meekatharra, and Sandstone. The Gascoyne District is an integrated health service incorporating the towns of Carnarvon, Exmouth, Coral Bay, and Burringurrah. Doctor and Allied Health Services are also provided to Denham and Useless Loop.

**Contact:** Patrick Bettridge (08) 9956 2481

# Graylands Hospital

Graylands Hospital is a specialist mental health hospital located in Mount Claremont and is the only public stand-alone mental health teaching facility in the state. It forms part of the North Metropolitan Health Service and also provides pharmacy services to the Frankland Centre, SCGH Mental Health Unit and Selby Lodge.

**Number of beds:** 200

## Specialties offered:

- Psychiatry
- Forensic psychiatry
- Older adult psychiatry

## Services provided by Graylands Hospital

### include:

The NMHS MH pharmacy department is located on the Graylands Campus and provides a clinical pharmacy service to inpatients, Mental Health Hospital in The Home and Community Mental Health Clinics as well as outpatient dispensing, medication safety and audits, clinical drug trial co-ordination and community liaison pharmacy services. Graylands is home to the Statewide Psychotropic Drug Information Service.



**Number of internships usually offered:** None currently

# Hedland Health Campus



Hedland Health Campus (HHC) is the regional resource centre (RRC) for the state's Pilbara region. The pharmacy department provides medication and clinical pharmacy services across the vast 500,000km<sup>2</sup> region, covering 9 WACHS facilities in total. The Pilbara region is located in the north-west of WA, with both RRC Hedland and sister site Karratha Health Campus located on the coast. Karratha provides pharmacy services to the 'West District' sites Onslow and Roebourne, and provides Cancer Services for the region. While the mining industry is a predominate feature; the rich history, culture and landscape makes for an incredibly unique and diverse community. Home to Karijini, Millstream National Park, the Dampier Archipelago and more watering

holes than you can count, there are endless opportunities for exploring nature, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

**Sites and Number of beds:**

Hedland Health Campus: 40, Karratha Health Campus: 24, Newman Hospital: 8, Tom Price Hospital: 8, Paraburdoo Hospital: 2, Onslow Hospital: 6, Roebourne Hospital: 6, Marble Bar and Nullagine Nursing Posts.

**Specialties offered:** The Pilbara offers a comprehensive range of specialty and subspecialty services including: Aged Care (HHC), Cancer Services (KHC), Emergency, General Medicine, General Surgery, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatric, Renal Dialysis (HHC), Ambulatory Care and other visiting specialties.

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

**Highlights of the intern training program include:**

- Excellent support from a welcoming and motivated team
- Experience across a variety of clinical settings and specialty services
- Gain an understanding of challenges faced by regional sites and patients
- Experience in medication supply logistics and cold chain transport
- Option to share time between Hedland and Karratha Health Campus, and visit other sites
- Option to spend time at local community pharmacies for OTC experience
- Substantial learning opportunities and career development
- An excellent work/life balance with plenty of travel opportunities

**Website:** [Pilbara Intranet: Home \(health.wa.gov.au\)](http://health.wa.gov.au)

**Contact:** Nikki Reynolds (08) 9174 1336

## Kalgoorlie Hospital

Kalgoorlie Health Campus is the Regional Resource Centre (RRC) for the Goldfields Region of the Western Australian Country Health Service and services 15 centres across the Goldfields including Esperance, Leonora, Laverton and Norseman. The city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is located 590km east of Perth and 400km north of the excellent beaches at Esperance and is a major mining centre and is slowly being developed as a major transport hub. The cyclical nature of the mining industry means that the population varies between 30,000 and 35,000 and the catchment population is more than 60,000.

Kalgoorlie Health Campus is the major referral health service within the region, providing a range of inpatient and outpatient services including a 24-hour emergency service, medical, surgical, maternity, paediatric and oncology services in addition medical imaging, pathology, dialysis, physiotherapy, ambulatory care and breast screening in a 100 bed hospital. Interns will have the opportunity to rotate through to Esperance Hospital and Wiluna Aboriginal Medical Services



**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

**Website:** <http://wachs.hdwa.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=3895>

**Contact:** Nikki Tadros (08) 9080 5674

# King Edward Memorial Hospital

King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) is a 300-bed specialist maternity and gynaecological hospital, including 100 neonatal cots in a state-of-the-art Special Care Nursery. Today more than 6000 births take place at the hospital every year and it is WA's principal referral centre for high-risk pregnancies. KEMH cares for approximately 5000 women with gynaecological conditions each year.

## The KEMH Pharmacy Department

The KEMH Pharmacy department offers a wide range of services including general dispensing, clinical and aseptic services. Specialty areas including the neonatal intensive care, high risk obstetrics, gynaecology, gynaecological oncology, psychological medicine, urology, sexual health and clinical trials. The KEMH Pharmacy leads the state-wide Obstetric Medicines Information Service (OMIS) providing safety information for medicines use in pregnancy and breastfeeding. The department consists of 23 staff members.



**Number of internships usually offered:** Two positions

## Highlights from the Intern Training Program

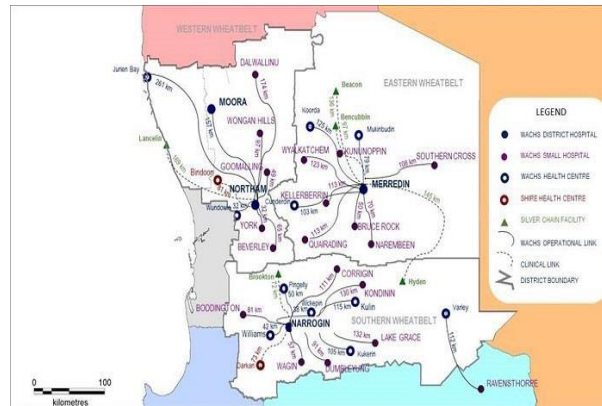
- Working in a supportive and enthusiastic team passionate about patient care and pharmacy services
- Working together with preceptors to co-ordinate medication reconciliation at 3 Pre-Admission Clinics
- Clinical rotations between obstetrics, gynaecology and neonatal services.
- Training and validation to work in an aseptic environment and be involved in the compounding of sterile medications
- You will also work in the dispensary, being exposed to the outpatient clinic and logistic services
- Interns receive training and participate in the provision of safety information through the OMIS
- Rotation to other tertiary sites, including Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Graylands Hospital and Osborne Park Hospital
- Further to education in the pharmacy department; additional training is offered to interns by other health professionals, including medical and nursing staff.
- In the lead up to your examinations, preceptors run regular practice oral examination sessions

- Continuous professional development is promoted and encouraged at KEMH, with interns completing a Drug Use Evaluation each year and presenting their results to the Medicines and Therapeutics Committee to bring about positive change in the hospital
- Encouragement to present your work at a number of conferences, including the SHPA Medicines Management Conference and The Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ)

**Website:** <http://www.kemh.health.wa.gov.au/services/pharmacy/>

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# Northam Hospital



The Wheatbelt Region covers 154,000 Km<sup>2</sup> of Noongar country from the coast north of Perth to the western boundary of the Goldfields and south from the Darling Scarp to the northern boundary of the Great Southern Region. Wheatbelt is the third most populous region in Western Australia with over 200 communities spread across a diverse landscape with a rich pioneering history. Attractions include iconic rock formations, acres of wildflowers and historic townsites. WACHS Wheatbelt health is divided into three operational districts – Eastern, Western and Southern. Northam Health Service is located approximately 98 kms from Perth and is the major hub site of the Western Wheatbelt district. Other major hospitals are located in Narrogin, Merredin and Moora. Wheatbelt has two pharmacy departments, located in Northam and Narrogin, which provide medication distribution and clinical pharmacy services across the region.

## Major Sites and Number of beds:

- Northam Health Service: 40
- Narrogin Health Service: 36
- Merredin Health Service: 32 (including residential aged care beds)
- Moora Health Service: 35 (including residential aged care beds)

## Small Wheatbelt hospitals:

- Beverley, Boddington, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Dalwallinu, Dumbleyung, Goomalling, Kellerberrin, Kondinin, Kununoppin, Lake Grace, Narembeen, Quairading, Southern Cross, Wagin, Wongan Hills, Wyalkatchem-Koorda and York

## Health centres and nursing posts:

- Cunderdin, Jurien Bay, Pingelly, Kukerin, Kulin, Mukinbudin, Wickpin and Williams

## Specialties offered:

The Wheatbelt offers a comprehensive range of specialty and subspecialty services including: Aged Care, Cancer Services, Emergency, General Medicine, General Surgery, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Elective surgical services, Renal Dialysis, Rehabilitation and Subacute Care, Specialist Palliative Care.

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

**Highlights of the intern training program include:**

- Highly motivated team that has recently rebuilt Wheatbelt pharmacy services
- Broad variety of clinical settings including specialist services and utilising telehealth services
- Rural and remote locations requiring pharmacist support for medication information and clinical pharmacy services
- Medication supply logistics to 30 sites throughout the region
- Option to share time between Narrogin and Northam, and visit other sites throughout the region
- Learning and development opportunities
- Career development incorporating emergency medicine, acute care and aged care settings
- Relaxed rural lifestyle

**Contact:** Melita Jensen (08) 9690 1664

## Perth Children's Hospital

Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) is a brand new 298 bed tertiary hospital having opened in June 2018. It WA's leading paediatric facility that treats children and adolescents aged 15 years and younger from around the state with approximately 250,000 patient visits (inpatient and outpatient) each year. PCH is part of the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS). The PCH Pharmacy Department abides by the CAHS vision ensuring a commitment to the pursuit of healthier lives for children and young people. The PCH Pharmacy Department employs approximately 100 people, including 50 pharmacists' positions (as full time or part time work).



**Specialties Offered:**

Services include a neonatal intensive care unit, general paediatrics, surgery and trauma, oncology, psychiatry, adolescent and day stay facilities.

The Pharmacy aims to provide optimal patient care and safety by delivering global best practice pharmaceutical services, through professional leadership, evidence based research and the innovative



use of technology. You will have a team of professional people to help you reach your goals as well as dedicated preceptors specifically allocated to you. PCH Pharmacy provides all the comprehensive services associated with a major tertiary hospital. Services delivered via the Main Pharmacy and Satellite Pharmacies include; clinical services, inpatient services, outpatient services, manufacturing services (sterile, non-sterile, cytotoxic), research services, distribution services, administrative services (e.g., Drug Information, SAS, PBS, Medication Safety, Antimicrobial stewardship, Electronic Medicines Management, Staff Development) and WA Hospitals Central Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility (Auspman).

**Highlights from the Intern Training Program:**

- You will be exposed to the latest workflows, initiatives and technologies throughout the Hospital. Our TGA registered Pharmaceutical Manufacturing facility will add unique skills and knowledge to your intern experience. Exposure to Pharmacy automation such as Whole Pack Robot, Unit Dose Robot, Controlled Substance Manager, Automated Drug Cabinets.
- Opportunity to experience a number of wards following clinical pharmacists including cardiology, renal, NICU, PICU, emergency, orthopaedics, neurology, oncology, respiratory, burns unit, mental health, pain rounds
- Optimal learning environment involving intern tutorials, projects, journal clubs, continued education, training, support and career development.
- Impressive workplace facilities (end of trip, collegiate lounge, library, security etc.)

**Number of internships offered:** Two positions

**Website:** <http://www.newchildrenshospitalproject.health.wa.gov.au/Home.aspx>

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Louise McCauley (email: [louise.mccauley@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:louise.mccauley@health.wa.gov.au))

## Rockingham General Hospital

Rockingham General Hospital is a part of the Rockingham Peel Group which comprises two hospital campuses, Rockingham General Hospital (RGH) and Murray District Hospital (MDH), in addition to community and mental health services across Peel, Rockingham and Kwinana.

**Number of beds:** 200 beds

**The services at RGH include:**

Emergency department, geriatric assessment unit, maintenance renal dialysis unit, obstetric services, oncology unit, paediatric service, psychiatric unit and rehabilitation unit.

**Number of internships usually offered:** None currently

## Royal Perth Hospital (Royal Perth Bentley Group)

Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) is Perth's inner city, tertiary adult hospital. A stroll from the city centre, you can enjoy all the city has to offer with a variety of cafes, restaurants, and shops to explore. RPH is known as Western Australia's longest serving hospital, officially opening in July 1855. Sections of the original hospital still exist, adding a historic quality to the surroundings. In 2016, Royal Perth Hospital and Bentley Health Service commenced an integration process and is now known as the Royal Perth Bentley Group.

**Number of Beds:** Approximately 500 beds

### Specialties Offered:

RPH provides tertiary-level emergency medicine services and is home to the State Major Adult Trauma Service. RPH continues to expand to meet the needs of West Australians, with a new purpose-built Intensive Care Unit opening in March 2022. Other speciality services include elective and emergency surgery, critical care, general medicine, haematology and oncology. RPH's new authorised Mental Health Unit is due to open in 2022. The specialised unit is designed to provide treatment to mental health consumers, in a contemporary setting and will be integrated with RPH's existing mental health services.



The Pharmacy Department provides a comprehensive clinical pharmacy service to inpatients, dispensing services to outpatients and inpatients, aseptic/cytotoxic manufacturing, medicines information, clinical trials, medication safety, non-sterile manufacturing and antimicrobial stewardship services. An extensive upgrade of the design and layout of the Pharmacy Aseptic Compounding Unit is also due to commence in 2022. Additionally, planning is well underway for the procurement and implementation of an Electronic Medication Management Solution (EMMs) across EMHS for the management of Controlled Substances.

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**Number of internships offered:** Four positions

### Highlights of the RPH intern training program:

- Interns will be rotated twice through different sections of the Pharmacy Department; ensuring experience is gained in all aspects of hospital pharmacy practice.
- A rotation to Bentley Hospital, to gain further clinical pharmacy experience at a secondary hospital.
- Comprehensive training will be provided in the areas of clinical pharmacy, dispensing, aseptic and cytotoxic manufacturing.
- Interns will have the opportunity to work alongside experienced and passionate hospital pharmacists.
- Experience in the area of clinical trials and dispensing of S100 medication.

- Opportunity for a two-week research project.
- Each intern will be allocated a mentor, to provide guidance and support throughout the year.
- Provision of weekly continuing education tutorials, specific to the requirements of the intern year. Other departmental continuing education activities also available.
- Support leading up to the oral examinations, including provision of regular practice exam sessions.
- Direct public transport via bus or train.
- Encouraged to join and become involved in SHPA activities.
- Completing an internship at RPH will provide you the framework and experience to launch your hospital pharmacy career.

**Website:** <http://rph.health.wa.gov.au>

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## Bentley Health Service (Royal Perth Bentley Group)

Bentley Health Service (BHS) is part of the East Metropolitan Health Service and is a fully accredited public hospital located in Bentley, 10 kilometres from the Perth CBD and Royal Perth Hospital. BHS operates as a facility of the Royal Perth Bentley Group and provides specialist care in rehabilitation, surgical services, community child and adolescent health, aged care and mental health and offering specialist outpatient services and community health programmes.

**Number of Beds:** Approximately 250

### Specialities offered:

- Psychiatry and Older adult psychiatry
- Youth Mental Health Services
- Outpatient Mental Health Clinic (Midland, City East and Mills Street Centre)
- Community Mental Health Outpatient Access Program
- Sub-Acute Rehabilitation Services
- Surgical Services



### Services provided by Bentley health Service include:

The BHS pharmacy department is located on the Bentley campus and provides a clinical pharmacy services to inpatients, Community Mental Health Clinics, outpatient dispensing, medication safety and audits, and community liaison pharmacy services.

### Highlights of the intern training program include:

- As an intern pharmacist you will work with a team of clinical pharmacists. You will be rotated through the different areas of the pharmacy, with a strong focus on clinical pharmacy.

**Number of internships usually offered:** No positions available but part of the RPBG intern rotation roster

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# Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group

The Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) is made up of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) and Osborne Park Hospital (OPH). The organisation's motto is "we put patients first" and our values are "accountability, compassion, continuous learning and teamwork".

## SCGH

SCGH is located at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, 4 kilometers from Perth's city centre. The hospital employs approximately 5500 staff members who treat over 420,000 every year. It comprises of approximately 600 beds and provides a comprehensive range of clinical services including trauma, emergency, critical care, orthopaedics, general medicine, general surgery, and cardiac care. It is home to the largest cancer treatment centre in the state, and is the state's principal hospital for neurosurgery, adult cystic fibrosis, and liver transplants. The Pharmacy Department aims to contribute towards a high standard of patient care by the provision of pharmaceutical services that compliment and support other hospital services.



## OPH

OPH is located in the suburb of Stirling and is conveniently located adjacent to the Mitchell Freeway and close to the Stirling train station. It comprises of 205 beds, and the services are provided by specialities consisting of Rehabilitation and Aged Care Services, Young Adult Rehabilitation, Surgical Services, and Women's and Newborns Services. The hospital is undergoing expansion which includes new rehabilitation units.



**Number of internships usually offered:** Seven positions

## Highlights from the intern training program:

- Work within a team of enthusiastic pharmacists and dedicated preceptors.

- Interns at SCGOPHCG get the opportunity to be rotated through various dispensaries and clinical areas working with specialist pharmacists at both SCGH and OPH sites.
- Clinical exposure across a range of specialties and clinical pharmacy roles including antimicrobial stewardship, TPN ordering, and pharmacist led outpatient clinics.
- As part of the intern training program at SCGOPHCG, interns get to experience working in a multidisciplinary team to provide patient-centered care and promote quality use of medicines.
- Dispensary training to develop clinical knowledge and gain expertise at dispensing all types of prescriptions including PBS, S100, SAS and non-PBS medicines.
- Interns are rotated through Satellite dispensary to develop responsibility and management of the unit including experience in workflow management and inventory control
- Rotations through Specialised Drug Supply dispensary to help gain an understanding of medication supply as part of clinical trials, and the Aseptic Services Unit to gain an understanding of the principles of manufacturing including chemotherapeutic agents and IV additives.
- Opportunities for continued professional development through weekly intern tutorials and fortnightly departmental continuing education presentations.
- Interns at SCGOPHCG are supported to undertake research and quality improvement projects as part of SCGOPHCG's commitment to quality improvement which they are encouraged to present at local or national conferences and research symposia.

**Website:** <https://scgh.health.wa.gov.au>

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# Hollywood Hospital: Epic Pharmacy

## Introduction:

The Epic Pharmacy group is a dynamic, values-driven organisation providing quality medicine and health management services to the hospital, oncology and aged care sectors. We're caring, reliable and committed to delivering first-rate services, but Epic isn't your average healthcare company. We don't accept the status quo, but explore new and innovative ways to engage our hospitals and their patients.



Epic Pharmacy Hollywood provides pharmacy services to the Hollywood Private Hospital. Hollywood Private Hospital was originally built in 1941 during the Second World War for the care of service men and women and is now the largest private hospital in Western Australia with 738 beds after a significant expansion of wards and theatre services in 2015.

The hospital retains strong links with its wartime past, with all wards and wings named after Western Australian recipients of the Victoria or George Cross. The hospital accommodates more than 70,000 patients per year under some 700 accredited specialists. Hollywood Private Hospital is highly regarded in several medical specialties such as orthopaedic surgery, urology, cardiology, general surgery, rehabilitation, psychiatry, haematology and oncology. In 2013 an enhanced recovery program following orthopaedic surgery was successfully launched to improve patient outcomes following hip and knee replacement surgery, which continues today.

**Number of beds:** 738

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position (may offer two, depending on requirements)

**Highlights from the intern training program:** Interns are rotated through all areas of the pharmacy and gain experience in the dispensary and clinical services, including the various surgical and medical specialties provided.

**Website:** <http://epicpharmacy.com.au/>

## Contacts:

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# Joondalup Hospital (Public and Private)

## Introduction

Joondalup Health Campus is a large co-located hospital (public and private beds) in the northern corridor comprising approximately 650 beds. The pharmacy services are provided by a private contractor, Joondalup Hospital Pharmacy which also services Glengarry Private Hospital (110 beds) and the clients of North Metro Community Mental health service (NMCMHS).

At Joondalup Hospital Pharmacy we have a more holistic approach to intern training. While we have a number of defined skill sets which the graduate will master during their internship, the order and timing of these will depend on the individual student and reflect their particular strengths and weaknesses. It is our expectation that our interns will

complete a well-rounded year and be exceptionally well prepared for their registration examinations. Joondalup Hospital Pharmacy is a great advocate of the role of technology and innovation within the profession. We embrace dispensing automation, automation in the aseptic suite and are heavily invested in the efficiencies and opportunities offered by innovative software solutions which both increase productivity and mitigate risk. Clinical work horse is the software run on the tablets carried by all pharmacists. It has functionality around pathology results, drug information, patient location and so forth. It allows recording of interventions, directed follow up, ordering of medicines and medication discharge profiles etc.



## Number of beds: 650

Joondalup Hospital Pharmacy has a very small shop front which allows clients including the NMCMHS patients to experience a less clinical setting. This facet of the business allows for greater learning opportunities for the interns.

## Number of internships usually offered: Two positions

## Highlights from the intern training program:

- Primary health care including diagnosis, treatment, referral and counselling of the usual range of community presentations.
- Understanding of the PBS and skills to effectively and efficiently supply dispensed medicines to meet consumer need and mitigate risk to business.
- Involvement in patient management teams with staged supply and compliance packing of medicines, e.g. as part of the patient care team for NMCMHS.
- Aseptic and cytotoxic compounding to meet the needs of hospital inpatients, outpatients and oncology unit clients in our recently updated sterile suite. Extemporaneous compounding to meet hospital and outpatient



needs, especially paediatrics and fertility clients

- Management of imprest and S8/S4R supply
- Clinical training via mentor-ship involving a diverse set of medical, restorative and surgical wards, NICU, ICU, CCU, oncology unit, renal dialysis unit, paediatrics, psychiatry, adult/ paediatric emergency depts.

**Website:** [www.jhpharmacy.com.au](http://www.jhpharmacy.com.au)

**Contacts:** Christine Procter (08) 9400 9900      Christopher Shenton (08) 9400 9900

# The Mount Hospital

The Mount Hospital is a private hospital located in the Perth CBD. The Mount Hospital Pharmacy is an independently owned pharmacy located in the Perth CBD which services the Mount Hospital. The pharmacy operates with full PBS licensing and is accredited with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's QCPP. MHP has extensive experience in intern training and relishes the opportunity to develop early career pharmacists each year.



**Number of beds:** 220 beds

## Specialties offered :

The Mount Hospital offers a wide range of general medical and surgical services. They include an Oncology Unit, Coronary Care Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Acute Aged Care, Rehabilitation ward and Clinical trials. The hospital also runs an outpatient Oncology clinic and clinical trials unit. Surgical and medical specialties include cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, orthopaedics, respiratory and plastic surgery

**Number of internships usually offered:** 1 position. (May offer 2 positions dependant on need).

## Highlights from the intern training program:

In adjunct to the Intern Training Program, Mount Hospital Pharmacy provides interns with exposure to a variety of specialty settings and dispensary procedures

The retail area offers a unique opportunity for interns to continue to develop primary care knowledge and skills, as well as:

- Opportunities to participate fully in ward rounds, assisting clinical pharmacists in clinical interventions and offer education or advice in regards to drug enquiries
- Opportunities to participate in Clinical Trials, Antimicrobial Service, and pain team
- Supportive learning environment and continual education through drug company talks, attendance to SHPA events and pharmacist led CPD events
- The MHP pharmacists are team-based, rather than ward based, allowing interns to sharply develop their clinical skills and knowledge in specific medical and surgical areas e.g. Neurology, Respiratory, Cardiology

Interns are valued members of our small team and opportunity to experience all areas of modern pharmacy practice, including procurement, aseptic and cytotoxic preparation, PBS claims and commercial aspects balanced with a strong clinical experience ensures a thorough platform off which to begin a career in pharmacy.

# St John of God Hospital Midland (Public and Private)

## Introduction:

St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals are transforming public and private health care for Perth's east metropolitan and Wheatbelt regions.

With a wide range of clinical services across a wide spectrum of ambulatory, emergency, acute and sub-acute care, the hospitals are well placed to meet the health needs of this region for many years to come.

St John of God Midland Public & Private Hospitals' pharmacy services are provided on-site by HPS Pharmacies. The pharmacy service includes inpatient and outpatient dispensing services using robot technology, aseptic (including chemotherapy) and non-aseptic compounding services, clinical pharmacy services supported by HPS' innovative proprietary mobile application ClinPod®, comprehensive community pharmacy services, and quality initiatives including medication safety and antimicrobial stewardship activities.

**Number of beds:** 367 beds (307 public and 60 private).

## Specialties offered :

- Intensive care and coronary care
- Enhanced cardiology services
- Emergency department
- Oncology outpatient service
- Stroke and rehabilitation services
- Mental Health services
- General surgery
- General medicine
- Paediatrics, obstetrics and neonatology
- Geriatrics and aged care



**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

## Highlights from the intern training program:

- Work with a team of enthusiastic pharmacists and technicians and have a dedicated preceptor
- Training in all aspects of pharmacy, including rotations in clinical pharmacy, dispensary services, community pharmacy and aseptic compounding services
- Gain knowledge and experience of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, SAS and private prescriptions
- Complete a project and contribute to the department's Continuing Education meetings

## Websites:

<http://www.hps.com.au>

<https://www.sjog.org.au/our-locations/st-john-of-god-midland-public-hospital-1/>

<https://www.sjog.org.au/our-locations/st-john-of-god-midland-private-hospital>

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# St John of God Hospital Murdoch: Epic Pharmacy

## Introduction:

The Epic Pharmacy group is a dynamic, values-driven organisation providing quality medicine and health management services to the hospital, oncology and aged care sectors. We're caring, reliable and committed to delivering first-rate services, but Epic isn't your average healthcare company. We don't accept the status quo, but explore new and innovative ways to engage our hospitals and their patients. We're constantly exploring new technologies and ways to deliver services in a way that lets people take control of their health.

Epic Pharmacy Murdoch provides pharmacy services to the St John of God Murdoch Hospital. St John of God Murdoch Hospital is part of the St John of God Health Care Group.

Located in Perth's southern suburbs, the hospital has 507 beds and provides a wide range of clinical services including orthopaedic surgery, general surgery including bariatric surgery and procedures, neurosurgery, paediatric surgery and vascular surgery. The hospital also provides medical services including interventional cardiology procedures, respiratory medicine, general medical services, palliative care, geriatric medicine and oncology and haematology services and maternity services.



The hospital beds include a 20 chair Cancer Centre for chemotherapy and immunotherapy administration, a 20-bed hospice, 25 critical and coronary care beds as well as a 24 hour emergency department.

**Number of beds:** 507

**Number of internships usually offered:** One position

## Highlights from the intern training program:

Interns are rotated through all areas of the pharmacy and gain experience in the dispensary and clinical services, including the various surgical and medical specialties provided.

**Website:** <http://epicpharmacy.com.au/>

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# St John of God Hospital Subiaco

## Introduction:

St John of God Subiaco Hospital is a leading Australian private hospital located in the heart of Subiaco. The Pharmacy Department is owned by the Hospital, and the pharmacy caregivers are employees of the Hospital. This is different to other private hospitals in Western Australia where the pharmacy is privately owned. The Pharmacy Department provides a comprehensive range of services to the Hospital including clinical pharmacy services, an investigational drug service, inpatient dispensing, imprest supply, aseptic compounding and oncology compounding.

**Number of beds:** 578

## Specialties offered:

St John of God Subiaco Hospital provides a comprehensive range of clinical services, which include coronary care unit, intensive care unit, paediatric unit, neonatal intensive care unit, cancer treatment services, palliative care, obstetrics and elective surgery. It also has 20 theatres, four endoscopy suites, and two cardiac and interventional laboratories.



**Number of internships offered:** 2 positions

## Highlights of the internship include:

- Training and rotation through all pharmacy areas, including dispensary, clinical service, aseptic compounding and chemotherapy compounding. This ensures experience is gained in all aspects of hospital practice.
- Participate in a four-week rotation at a community pharmacy which provides further development in their primary care and OTC experience.
- Support leading up to the oral examinations which include regular practice exam questions.
- Opportunities are provided to enable interns to give presentations for both pharmacy and other hospital caregivers and to participate in quality improvement projects.
- The intern training program provided at St John of God Subiaco has been extremely successful in ensuring that the interns are highly skilled in hospital pharmacy practise when they register as practising pharmacists.

**Website:** <https://www.sjog.org.au/our-locations/st-john-of-god-subiaco-hospital>

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Peter Smart - Chief Pharmacist

Jason Payne - Pharmacy Coordinator (Inpatient Pharmacy Services)