bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)

Practical Learning

Study Pharmacy at UQ and get hands-on, practical experience so you’ll graduate confident and job-ready with 385 hours spent on placement during your degree.

Why Pharmacy at UQ?
As Queensland’s highest ranked university, Pharmacy at UQ has an impressive global reputation as the 33rd best in the world according to QS World University Rankings (2014)*. The UQ School of Pharmacy is the largest and longest-established in Queensland, with more than 50 years of teaching and research excellence and a global network of more than 5000 graduates. Study Pharmacy at UQ and you’ll learn at the $100 million Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) which is dedicated to pharmacy education and research and is located in Queensland’s world-class biomedical sciences precinct at Woolloongabba. Our graduates are at the forefront of the pharmacy profession and a committee of industry leaders from community and hospital pharmacy and peak industry bodies regularly review the degree to ensure students receive the most up-to-date, relevant education. Add to this one of the highest graduate employment rates of any bachelor degree in Australia**, and Pharmacy at UQ is your pathway to an exciting career.

What you will study
The Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) combines a balance of theory and clinical education to prepare you for a dynamic career in the industry. During the degree you will complete foundation studies in pharmacy, chemistry, biology, physiology and anatomy and learn about over-the-counter medications, the Australian health system and community pharmacy practice. You will study the legislation that governs the industry, how drugs act on the human body and in your second and third years you will develop important counselling skills in one of the School’s six simulated pharmacies, as well as learn how to dispense prescriptions at our state-of-the-art dispensing labs. You’ll also experience the latest advances in pharmacy technology when you try UQ’s medicines dispensing robot. As well as strengthening your skills in the use of medicines to assist individual clients, you’ll also study business management to develop your skills in running the business aspects of a community pharmacy or similar duties in a hospital pharmacy. You will cover strategic, financial, inventory, people management and current professional issues relating to pharmacy practice.

Practical placements
Your practical experience starts in your first year and continues throughout the degree. You can gain experience in over 500 community pharmacies or hospitals throughout rural and metropolitan Australia and overseas. As part of the eight weeks spent on placement in your final year, you’ll also spend at least four weeks undertaking a short research activity in either a community or hospital pharmacy or another area that promotes effective and efficient use of medicines.

Your future in pharmacy
With one of the highest graduate employment rates of any bachelor degree in Australia, UQ’s Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) leads to careers in:
• community pharmacy where you will provide primary healthcare through identification and treatment of common ailments, dispensing prescriptions, medication advice, promote community health and Briss disease prevention and healthy lifestyle choices
• hospital pharmacy where you will prepare and supply medicines, provide drug information to healthcare professionals and educate and advise clients, doctors and nurses on the appropriate and safe use of medicines
• industrial pharmacy where you will be involved in the manufacture, quality control, clinical trials and registration and marketing of pharmaceutical products.
• Our graduates have also gone onto senior positions in the industry, government and healthcare industries or have used pharmacy as a platform for further study towards medicine or a research higher degree.

Who will recognise your qualifications?
• Australian Pharmacy Council
• Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA) – provisional registration available for graduates when they complete standards set by the PBA, including completing an Intern Training Program, 1,624 hours of clinical practice and examinations approved by the PBA

Your postgraduate options
• Postgraduate coursework options include Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy, Graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy, Master of Clinical Pharmacy, Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice (incorporating the Intern Training Program)
• Postgraduate research options include Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy. See www.health.uq.edu.au/research for more information.

Are you an international student?
This degree requires you to have a higher level of English language than the UQ minimum. The IELTS requirements are an overall score of at least 7.0, with a score of 6.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening. TOEFL test results are not accepted. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis. See www.uq.edu.au/international for more information.

International availability
Yes (CRICOS code: 00025B)

Clinical placement
Students must also complete post-admission requirements prior to starting clinical placements. See www.health.uq.edu.au/assessments

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Duration 4 Years full-time. Part-time equivalent available to domestic students only.
Location SA (Luna) and PACE (Woolloongabba)
English Requirements
• English (H), Maths B (H), SA and Chemistry (H, U, P)
2014 entry score OP 10 / Rank 79 / ATAR 78.25
QTAC code 725002
Delivery mode Internal

Pharmacies are expressed at terms of Queensland for 2014 objects.

* Source: QS World University Rankings 2014
** Graduate Careers Australia, 2013 GradStats Survey – www.graduatecareers.com.au

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Studying Pharmacy at UQ was an easy choice. UQ offered me the most opportunities to broaden my career prospects. Being a Pharmacist is perfect for me – I enjoy talking to, educating and helping people and working in such a fast-paced and challenging environment is just perfect. UQ has given me all the skills that I need to be able to apply them to my patients. I have learned that there is no such thing as a simple remedy. I could not have been happier. Helender, UQ Pharmacy graduate.

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