Why Pharmacy at UQ?

UQ’s 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 will learn at the $100 million Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) which is dedicated to pharmacy education and research. PACE is located in Queensland’s world-class biomedical science precinct at Woolloongabba. Our graduates are at the forefront of the pharmacy profession and form a committee of industry leaders from community and hospital pharmacy. UQ Pharmacy also has one of the highest graduate employment rates of any bachelor degree in Australia**, and is your pathway to a rewarding and 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. During the degree you will complete foundation studies in pharmacy, chemistry, biology, physiology and anatomy, 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, learn how to dispense prescriptions, and from your first year you will develop important counselling skills in one of the School's six simulated pharmacies. You will also experience the latest advances in pharmacy technology when you try our medicines dispensing robot. As well as strengthening your skills in the use of medicines to assist individual clients, you will 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 and people management, as well as current professional issues relating to pharmacy practice.
Opportunity to undertake a major in your final year

If you are suitably qualified (confirmed based on grade point average), you can choose the Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics major in your final year. You will work under the guidance of one of the School’s experienced researchers and design and conduct your own research project in one of the School’s many research areas.

Practical placements

Your practical experience starts in your first year and continues throughout the degree. You can gain experience in more than 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 will 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 provide primary healthcare through identification and treatment of common ailments, dispense prescriptions, give medication advice, promote community health and illness 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 on to senior positions within the pharmacy 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 an Intern Training Program, 1,824 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).

See page 49 for more information. Postgraduate research degrees (MPhil and PhD) are also available in your area of interest.

International students

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. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

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