



Pharmacy Board of the Northern Territory

Important Information for Intern Pharmacist's

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Intern Pharmacist Important Information

The Intern Pharmacist program of the Northern Territory provides an experience based training year, where knowledge acquired in an academic environment is applied to the practical working situation. Successful completion of the intern pharmacist program and a 52-week placement (based on full time employment with a minimum of 36 hours per week) inclusive of up to 4-6 weeks leave is required prior to obtaining full registration with the Pharmacy Board of the Northern Territory as a Pharmacist. The Intern Pharmacist year is an opportunity to develop the skills required to practice as a registered competent Pharmacist. The Intern Pharmacist year also applies to Australian Pharmacy Examining Council (APEC) Stage 2 participants. The Intern Pharmacist program is developed by the Pharmacy Board of the Northern Territory, incorporating the Pharmacist Competency Standards 2006 developed from the 'Good Pharmacy Practice' & WHO 1997.

The four main terms of 'Good Pharmacy Practice' include

- The promotion of health and avoidance of ill-health, and achievement of health objectives
- The supply and use of medicines, medication delivery devices and related items
- Provision of advice and/or supply of medicines for self care of symptoms or ailments
- Involvement in activities that influence the quality of prescribing or use of medicines.

During the period of supervised practice:

- The preceptor assesses and compares the pharmacists-intern progress against the competency standards and contributes to the final decision once all other aspects of the program have been completed successfully as to whether the student is competent
- The preceptor will identify any areas the pharmacist-intern is finding difficult and ensure extra help is provided.

The Intern Pharmacist program involves workshops, assignments and oral exams.

Date	Requirement	Location	Time
Early March	Assignment 1 & Part 1 NT Aspects Booklet	Bring completed to Seminar 1	Self determine
16-19 th March	Seminar 1	16 & 17 th Alice 18 th & 19 th Darwin	9am-5pm both days
22 nd May	Assignment 2	Send to SA	Self determined
10 th July	Assignment 3	Send to SA	Self determined
17 th August	APCAT & NFEF & Seminar 2 (Part 2 NT Aspects Booklet completed)	Darwin & Alice	9am-5pm APCAT 2.5hrs, NFEF 1hr
26 th -30 th October	Oral exams	South Australia	9am-5pm on allocated day

* Please note funding is available for travel & accommodation for the final oral exam in South Australia in October 2009 from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia please refer to www.guild.org.au (guild training → pharmacy incentives)

Please ensure you have copies of mandatory texts as recommended on the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia website. In addition, the following texts are required in the Northern Territory to assist you in the intern year:

- Policy and Clinical Practice Guidelines on Schedule 8 & Restricted Schedule 4 Substances (available from Poisons Control on (08) 8922 7076)
- Northern Territory Health Practitioners Act 2004 (available at www.nt.gov.au)

On successful completion of all aspects of the Intern Pharmacist program in 2009 interns can register as Pharmacist's with the Pharmacy Board of the Northern Territory without needing to register with the Pharmacy Board of South Australia. If interns would like to practice as Pharmacists' in another state or territory they must register with the relevant Pharmacy Board.

The staff at the Pharmacy Board of the Northern Territory are able to assist in any way possible, to ensure your registration year is a valuable tool to your success as a Pharmacist. The 2009 Intern Pharmacist program is working with the Pharmacy Board of South Australia. 2010 will see the program independent of South Australia.

If you require any assistance in relation to the Intern-Pharmacist program please contact:

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