



## Grampians Regional Internship in partnership with Ballarat Health Services

The Grampians Regional Internship has been established to offer a structured learning experience for intern pharmacists. Primarily based at Ballarat Health Services (BHS), interns will rotate to Grampians regional health service sites throughout the year providing a collaborative training experience in regional and rural hospital pharmacy. This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience and skills.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

#### **ROTATIONS**

- A comprehensive 3-month orientation program will be provided at BHS focusing on the provision of clinical pharmacy services, dispensary services and manufacturing (extemporaneous and aseptic).
- A regional rotation of approximately 12 weeks total (split into blocks of 2 to 6 weeks throughout the year) will occur at participating Grampians regional sites, which may include Wimmera and West Wimmera Health Services, Stawell Regional Health and East Grampians Health Service. Focusing on delivery of ward based and outpatient clinic based clinical pharmacy services, attendance at multidisciplinary and committee meetings, drug distribution and provision of education to community groups. Tailored learning plans will be provided for each rotation.
- At BHS, rotations will incorporate all aspects of Pharmacy Department services including general and specialty clinical rotations, dispensary services, Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre, medication safety and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS).

#### **SUPPORT**

- The Grampians regional intern will be allocated an individual preceptor who is a BHS pharmacist and credentialed Monash University Clinical Pharmacy Educator.
- Interns will work under the supervision of a pharmacist during every rotation with progressively increasing independence and responsibility allocated as skills and knowledge are obtained and competencies achieved.

#### **TUTORIAL AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

- Weekly tutorials will be provided by BHS pharmacists with attendance facilitated via videoconferencing during Grampians regional rotations if required.
- Tutorial topics include disease states, drug classes and primary health care. Extensive assistance with preparation for both the written and oral registration examinations will occur throughout the year.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- All Grampians regional sites provide access to hospital accommodation if needed, at no charge to the intern.

Applicants for this internship should hold a current driver's license and be willing to travel to and from their placement sites. Travel costs will be at the expense of the intern pharmacist.

For more information please contact:

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