

MASTER OF PHARMACY

Essential information
for Monash University
pharmacy students

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MASTER OF PHARMACY: YOUR INTERNSHIP. WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR FIFTH YEAR

The fifth year of your degree looks a little different from the first four.

For a start, you'll be working as an intern pharmacist as you complete the 1824 hours of supervised practice required by the Pharmacy Board of Australia (PharmBA) for registration as a pharmacist. You'll also be completing your first year of entirely postgraduate level study, enabling you to obtain a qualification globally benchmarked against pharmacy degrees in the US and Europe.

How much credit do you need for your master's?

Your MPharm requires a total of 48 credit points of study taught at master's level. In your fifth year you only need to complete 24 credit points of study because Monash University pharmacy graduates receive 24 credit points from completion of the inquiry units in third and fourth year (which are also taught at master's level).

The MPharm incorporates two programs: the Monash Intern Training Program (ITP) and the Monash Intern Foundation Program (IFP).

*To find out about the Pharmacy Board of Australia's internship requirements, visit: www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/Registration/Internships.aspx#pathway

YEARS 1-4

BPharm (Hons)
(Incl. 24 Masters Level credit points)



YEAR 5

MPharm	
Intern Training Program (ITP)	12 credit points
Intern Foundation Program (IFP)	12 credit points



PharmBA-approved internship*



BPharm(Hons)/MPharm

DON'T JUST GET REGISTERED, GET AN EDGE: THE MONASH UNIVERSITY ITP

All intern pharmacists must complete an intern training program during their intern year in order to gain registration as a pharmacist. The intern training program is designed to address all competencies required for initial general registration as a pharmacist.

The Monash University ITP goes beyond this minimum requirement. It aims to give you a competitive edge in the workplace and helps you become the best pharmacist you can be.

Features of the Monash ITP include:

- Exam preparation and support
- Seminars with small-group workshops and simulated patients
- Small-group pharmacist-moderated online discussion forums based on real life scenarios
- Computer-assisted learning packages for calculations and pharmacy law
- Learning portfolios incorporating continuing professional development requirements
- Oral and online practice exams
- Workplace competencies assessments
- High level of support towards passing the Australian Pharmacy Council and Pharmacy Board of Australia examinations
- Up-to-date program taught by over 70 practising and experienced pharmacists from a variety of practice settings
- A mixture of face-to-face and online learning methods offers flexibility and improved access for rural interns
- Regular contact with other interns and practising pharmacists via online discussion forums
- Individualised support and feedback from staff throughout your entire internship
- Support and training for your preceptor
- Access to a wide range of Monash facilities, services and online resources (including mandatory references)
- Collaborative input from the National Alliance for Pharmacy Education

The program's curriculum is based on the current Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia and is constantly reviewed to reflect the evolving practice of pharmacy.

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR INTERNSHIP WITH THE MONASH UNIVERSITY IFP

The Monash University IFP is an innovative program for intern pharmacists designed to recognise, support and enhance workplace learning. The IFP may only be undertaken concurrently with the ITP and is available to interns working in both community and hospital settings.

It focuses on enhancing your skills in the workplace to ensure you get the most out of your internship and to prepare you for practice as a pharmacist.

Features of the Monash IFP include:

- An individualised workplace learning plan that ensures you are completing relevant activities
- Structured assessment and feedback tools for workplace activities that help you progress your Entrustable Professional Activity levels
- Enhanced feedback from your credentialed clinical educator so you can track your progress
- Meetings with the Monash IFP team, to assist you in tailoring and meeting your individual learning needs
- Support to undertake a workplace project, building on your inquiry skills
- Poster presentation night to showcase your achievements and celebrate the completion of the program

The Monash University IFP can only be undertaken at a credentialed site with a credentialed clinical educator. In order to ensure a high quality internship program, we will provide support to your workplace and training for your clinical educator to become credentialed to offer the IFP. In collaboration with your clinical educator, a bespoke workplace learning plan will be developed for you.



"The Monash Intern Training Program provided me with the support, knowledge and confidence to give me the best possible start to my pharmacy career.

I chose to continue with the Monash Intern Foundation Program to further maximise my learning and skills during my intern year. Together, the two programs allowed me to fully engage with my workplace learning to help me achieve my full potential as a pharmacy intern.

Amelia Miklavec
Hospital pharmacy intern
Master of Pharmacy



The Monash IFP provided me with extensive resources and opportunities to help me reflect and learn the valuable skills for pharmacy practice. It is catered to support dedicated interns and prepared us well for the real workplace. I chose Monash IFP to develop into the best possible pharmacist I can be.

Claudia Dang-Nguyen
Community pharmacy intern
Master of Pharmacy

Want more info?

Let's keep talking about your intern year study options.

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