Hospital

Bendigo Health
100 Barnard St
Bendigo VIC 3550

Campuses at which pharmacy intern will work
The Bendigo Hospital.

Hospital Information

Bendigo Health is a large, progressive regional healthcare organisation in central Victoria. It is a multi-campus facility with teaching links to most major universities in Melbourne and beyond. We have over 3400 staff working in the care of acute, aged, rehabilitation, community and psychiatric patients from the Loddon Mallee Region – a catchment area of 25% of the landmass of the state of Victoria.

The range of services is very comprehensive and includes intensive care, oncology, radiotherapy, and medical & surgical specialities which are more detailed through the Hospital's web site.

http://www.bendigohealth.org.au

Pharmacy Department

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Department Information

Bendigo Health's Pharmacy Department is involved in providing services to the Bendigo Hospital (including acute services, rehabilitation, hospice, aged and acute psychiatric services, oncology and renal dialysis). The department is currently staffed by 21 pharmacists (EFT 16.6) and 9 technicians (EFT 8.1). 2018 will be an exciting year for the department with the rollout of an Electronic Medical Record scheduled for April.

The Pharmacy Department has a significant role in the provision of education and training of students and graduates through placements, lectures and continuing education activities. As part of a regional referral hospital there are diverse career opportunities for the delivery of clinical pharmacy services in a wide variety of areas such as Intensive Care, Oncology, Psychiatry, Aged Care and Rehabilitation services.

The Pharmacy Department are a team of professionals committed to the delivery of high standards of pharmaceutical care. Through this a high level of camaraderie has evolved and as part of a large organisation there are also many opportunities to enjoy social aspects outside of work with colleagues and professional associates.

The hospital has a very active social club with regular activities catering to a wide range of interests.
In addition, one of the favourable features of rural living is access. In particular travelling to work and car parking pose little problems with on-site parking or street parking.

Pharmacy Intern Training Program

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Pharmacy Intern Training Program
The intern training program is designed to provide not only a sound and comprehensive training in the area of pharmacy practice and the provision of pharmacy services but also a grounding in the provision of hospital based pharmacy services inclusive of all facets of hospital pharmacy.

The intern is rotated through the range of areas and disciplines of pharmacy practice from an institutional aspect. These include:

- Clinical Services: orientation and training in the provision of ward based pharmacy services, therapeutic drug monitoring, drug information, establishment of protocols and procedures for quality use of medicines. Overview of drug use evaluation exercises to ensure appropriateness of therapies. Participation in the intervention program and an understanding of the importance of evaluating particular activities to ensure quality outcomes.
- Dispensing: All aspects of dispensing for inpatient and outpatient settings. Establishing an understanding of the principles of dispensing in terms of identifying patient needs from a pharmaceutical care perspective. Provide assistance with counselling and provision of information leaflets and medication profiles tailored for specific individual patient needs.
- Manufacturing: Inclusive of aseptic dispensing and compounding facilities.
- Education and training: To participate in health-promotion activities such as cardiac rehabilitation, in-service education activities, case presentation, intern education on relevant pharmacy related matters.
- Stock control: all aspects of procurement, distribution, receipting, contracts, stock usage, relevant reports, stockholdings, critical stock-turns, budgeting, recall processes.
- SAS drugs/Clinical trials: Understanding and responsibilities of such programs required of trials and SAS drugs.
- Administration: Understanding of management issues inclusive managing staffing resources (recruitment, retention, succession planning etc) and the operations of a service from an organisational perspective (including budgeting, business plans etc) and from a local or individual department service such as the monitoring of performance in the delivery of particular services to select areas.

The intern program is orientated to provide a comprehensive, rounded training in all aspects of hospital pharmacy practice and in a small department there is a great opportunity for one-on-one interaction with supervisors and with provision for two pre-registrants there is good support for sharing of ideas and information gathering. In addition to this there is peer support provided locally through small group meetings.

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Regional Information

Bendigo has a population of 110,000 and is located in the Loddon region of Victoria, 150 km north of Melbourne – 1.5hrs by road and 2hrs by train which operates frequently providing excellent travel access to Melbourne.

Being just north of the ranges the climate for Bendigo is a temperate one and very appealing. As a large regional centre Bendigo offers a favourable country lifestyle with all the amenities of a large progressive city. It boasts a regional university (La Trobe) and consequently an energetic night-life for the younger scene. In addition, there are a wide range of high quality sporting facilities in Bendigo and numerous social clubs catering for all types of interests.

There are a large number of tourist attractions including the Easter Festival, historical Chinese precinct, talking tram and museum, Art Galleries, Central Deborah Gold Mine, reputable local restaurants, and wineries all proving popular destinations for tourists and locals alike. Architecture from the gold rush era provides character and charm in the central business district of Bendigo.

Bendigo’s elegant tree-lined streets and wide parks speak of boom-time grandeur. Catch a ride on one of the city’s celebrated vintage trams and learn a little history as you go. Stroll along tree-lined Pall Mall, visit the historic Shamrock Hotel to sample some ornate gold-rush architecture and a glass of the region’s famous shiraz. Wander through the Golden Dragon Museum, a lively and colourful record of Bendigo’s enduring Chinese heritage and home to Sun Loong, the world’s longest imperial dragon.

The Bendigo Art Gallery, one of the country’s finest regional galleries, is a work of art itself. Admire its stunning sculpture annex and stroll through the outstanding collections of European painting and decorative art.

The art of gold mining is best viewed underground at the Central Deborah Gold Mine, just a nugget’s throw from the city centre. Descend more than 60 metres and discover how the precious metal was once extracted from the quartz reefs running deep beneath Bendigo.

Beyond Bendigo lies a rich array of towns bearing the unmistakeable hallmarks of the gold-rush days. Try your hand at fossicking for gold in the nearby Whipstick State Park, a remarkable forest containing not only relics of the mining era but also an extravagance of birdlife, kangaroos, wallabies and wildflowers.

For further information visit:
http://www.bendigotourism.com

Local government web site – http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

Pharmacy Intern Placement Coordinator

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