

Bachelor of Pharmacy



Why study pharmacy?

If you are interested in helping improve the quality of life of individuals by delivering optimal pharmaceutical care, then CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy is for you.

Pharmacists play an important role in providing primary healthcare for the community, offering advice and assistance to ensure medication is used safely and effectively.

Career opportunities

Pharmacy can be a mobile career with flexible hours and opportunities to work in rural and metropolitan environments as well as overseas. Working conditions are generally excellent with great starting salaries.

Possessing skills relevant to both rural and metropolitan healthcare, graduates of CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy are in demand by employers, especially in regional areas across Australia.

Opportunities exist for graduates, in:

- hospitals and community healthcare
- community pharmacies
- the pharmaceutical industry in clinical trials, research or sales and marketing
- government agencies or research institutions.

What is CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy?

CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy incorporates diverse practice including community or hospital pharmacy, dispensing, medication management and health counselling to equip graduates with skills for immediate employment.

The course is studied full-time on Orange or Wagga Wagga campuses over four years.

Students have the option to transfer into an Honours stream at the beginning of year three. To be eligible, you will need to obtain a Credit average in the first two years of the course. Honours students participate in a program of workshops and tutorials in year three and complete a research project in year four.

Some reasons for studying pharmacy at CSU

- CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy is well respected in the pharmacy profession and is accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council
- there is a recognised demand for skilled practitioners, particularly in rural and remote areas
- students learn practical skills in CSU's state-of-the-art laboratories
- the course offers the opportunity to transfer into an Honours stream



What will I learn?

Students study biomedical and applied sciences, develop knowledge and skills in communication and health promotion, learn treatment of minor ailments, and become skilled at health information management.

The first three years of the course focus on developing the required basic scientific foundation knowledge, along side subjects in various pharmaceutical sciences, and provide a solid foundation for studies in the professional aspects of pharmacy. These subject areas include organic and medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutical microbiology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics.

Specialist subjects include pharmacy practice (including rural practice) and therapeutics. There is an elective in the final year, which may be chosen from areas such as the arts and humanities, commerce, science, computing and health studies, including overseas health experiences. This elective provides students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills that will be relevant to one or more of the varied areas of practice they may engage in after graduation.

Practical experience

Students complete periods of professional placement throughout the course, primarily in a hospital or community pharmacy. Professional placement provides an opportunity to work alongside a qualified pharmacist and practise applying theoretical knowledge to real problems in the practice of pharmacy.

After graduation, students undertake a period of supervised training, as required of all pharmacy graduates in Australia. As of July 1 2010, this period of pre-registration training is approximately 2,000 hours and is concluded by an examination set by The Pharmacy Board of Australia. When that exam has been passed, you may register and practise pharmacy anywhere in Australia.

Admission requirements

In addition to applying through UAC, you need to complete CSU's supplementary application form which is available online from 1 August. This provides you with the opportunity to strengthen your application by outlining your commitment to pharmacy and rural healthcare.

The completed form must be returned to the University no later than 30 September of the year prior to commencing your studies.

On the basis of your supplementary application form, you may be selected for interview. Interviews are held in early December on Orange and Wagga Wagga campuses.

Clinical requirements

All students must obtain the following before undertaking clinical placements:

- Senior First Aid Certificate
- Criminal Record Clearance
- Immunisation

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Emily Diprose

Graduate in Pharmacy

"I have many fantastic memories of the four years spent studying and living the uni life on Wagga Wagga Campus.

"After graduation, I began my career as a pharmacist at The Canberra Hospital where I was a welcomed addition to the staff during a time when hospital pharmacists weren't readily available, so that was really positive.

"A few years later, I found myself in England, working as a locum and travelling every weekend possible. Heartlands Hospital Birmingham became my new workplace and learning to snowboard in Italy became my new claim to fame. It was a refreshing 18 months away from home and, although it was a heap of fun, I developed professionally as well, finding a renewed interest in clinical pharmacy practice.

"Returning to Canberra, I took a joint position between Calvary Hospital as a clinical pharmacist, and the University of Canberra as the Clinical Placement Coordinator. I saw this as a great opportunity to get some exposure to students and pharmacy education, which has been an area of interest of mine for some time. I was responsible for organising both community and hospital externships locally and throughout Australia and also managing the Guild's Rural Pharmacy Scholarship program.

"I am now the Quality Use of Medicines pharmacist at Calvary Hospital. While still in a clinical position, I have a large role to play in medication safety, policy and education within the hospital."



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