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Are you ready to register as an intern pharmacist? The online application portal is now OPEN.

Before you begin your application please:

- ensure you have all your supporting documents ready to upload, including your MoJ check, certified ID and verified photo – see our second update on the website for a reminder of these details
- 2. consider if you think there is something that affects your fitness to practise. If so, please call Felicity Potz-Neilsen, our Senior Case Manager (04 4950334) information about disclosures was in our third update.
- 3. please note the closing date for applications is Friday 28th January 2022.

Payment

The application fee is \$693.85 and must be paid electronically as part of the online process. If your employer told you that they would pay this fee, you need to make the payment and then pass the receipt (which will be emailed to you) to your employer for reimbursement.

Your application

You can start working if you have passed your BPharm degree, <u>and</u> you have made your application. We encourage you to do this early and hope you find the process quick and convenient. The screenshots below should help you with your application.

Step 1. Create your web account here:

Select the highlighted option (i.e. I am a recent BPharm graduate ...) and answer the questions that follow.

NB: If you have already created your web account please go to step 2.

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Step 2. Login to your account and begin your application

Once you have created your web please login [https://register.pharmacycouncil.org.nz/my-account/] to your account. From the list on the right-hand side select the option to 'Register as an Intern Pharmacist' and begin your application.

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Career Story - Meet Kevin



Kevin Pewhairangi is a community pharmacist, based in Gisborne.

What was the most helpful piece of information you learnt during your time as an intern?

Two quotes come to mind: "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today". If you have this at the foresight of your mind this can only benefit your practice.

And: "Mā ō mahi, ka kitea", it is your work and ethic that will be seen, only then will you be respected.

What do you enjoy most about being a community pharmacist?

Many facets – but mostly primary healthcare, helping people every day, giving them advice, and then getting to see how they are after they've received the treatment – you can clearly see change.

How do you support Māori health?

It's helpful to know who you are and being mindful of the importance of Māori culture in New Zealand. It is not something to be afraid of. At the core of this is equity, which ensures people are provided access to the same opportunities, so people can reach the same outcome regardless of where they start – this levels the playing field.

How can you contribute to the pharmacy profession outside your day job? Outside the dispensary, I contribute to the profession by being the Vice President of the Māori Pharmacist Association and sit on many different boards, including HOSPOP and support the Pharmaceutical Society (PSNZ) with intern training days and exams.

I'd encourage you to not think the dispensary is the be all and end all: there are opportunities outside your direct remit. This will help you, your practice and in turn your patients.

It doesn't matter about where you start, just start making experiences outside your day job where you can, it's a constant learning process. I'm still learning! Be open to things you'd never thought you'd learn and put your hand up.

Ngā mihi Michael Pead