

Welcome

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the pharmacy profession when you have passed your BPharm degree.

Over the next couple of months we will send you several brief emails to ensure you are familiar with the requirements for your registration in the INTERN pharmacist scope of practice.

The Pharmacy Council

ensures public wellbeing through safe pharmacist practice

As the regulator of intern pharmacists, pharmacists and pharmacist prescribers, established under the Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA), one of the roles of the Pharmacy Council is to register pharmacists and maintain the online [public register](#).

The Pharmacy Council is essential to ensuring high standards of competence in pharmacists, and safe and effective pharmacist practice.

Your Internship

The next step on your career journey is to start working as an intern pharmacist in paid employment. You will build on the skills and knowledge you've gained throughout your BPharm studies and develop your competence and confidence to practice as a pharmacist.

During your internship you will complete a period of supervised training under the guidance of a preceptor in a supportive pharmacy environment. At the same time, you will complete the EVOLVE Intern Programme which is a structured programme of assignments, assessments and training days. (*Note - you will also be receiving updates from EVOLVE about enrolling in the intern programme.*)

The assessment centre will assess your competence. You will be eligible for registration in the pharmacist scope of practice (and work unsupervised) when you have demonstrated competence and met the set requirements.

Online Registration

From 29 November 2021 you can apply online to register as an intern pharmacist. The application fee of **\$693.85** must be paid at the time. If your employer has agreed to pay, you can use your receipt to request reimbursement. You can only begin working in your intern site when you have

- been notified that you have passed your BPharm **and**
- submitted your online application for registration.

You will need to upload some identification documents to support your application, so the Pharmacy Council can confirm you meet the requirements for entry to the register of pharmacists. You will only need to provide this information once when you are first registered. We will provide details of these requirements in our next update.

Please apply for registration well before the application closing date of Monday 24 January 2022. Remember that to start the EVOLVE intern programme on 1 February 2022, you must:

- be a registered intern pharmacist, **and**
- be working in your intern site

Career Story - Meet Hannah



I'm Hannah Soper. I graduated from University of Otago Pharmacy School, completed my ITP in 2010 at Southland Hospital Pharmacy Department, and have worked at Christchurch Hospital since then. My role is Paediatric Oncology and Haematology Pharmacist, and I **LOVE** it!

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

If you don't know the answer to a question,

You have an interesting remit, what do you do on an average day?

There are some ordinary things that are the same each week, like attending ward rounds, reviewing medications of patients, checking and ordering chemotherapy, and attending tumour board meetings.

Then there are some out of the ordinary things like sourcing weird and wonderful chemotherapy, trying to teach three year olds to take medicines and floating down the Avon in a kayak dressed as a cartoon character, whilst your patients pelt you with water bombs. Every day is different - you never know which patient is going to turn up on the ward or at your desk wanting you to do drawings with them or play hide and seek!

What's the biggest difference between being a hospital pharmacist and a community pharmacist?

I think the biggest difference between the two is time. Hospital pharmacists often have more

don't try and fudge your way through it, admit it and find out the answer. Your seniors, colleagues and patients will respect you more for your honesty and diligence.

time than community pharmacists to make a meaningful difference for the patient. I think this is something hospital pharmacists often take for granted.



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