

## Pharmacist

### What does a Pharmacist Do?

Pharmacy is the study (chemical, physical and pharmacological) of medical substances and application of their therapeutic uses to the practice of the profession. Pharmacists distribute drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. They also provide advice on the selection, dosage, interactions and side effects of medications

### What do I Study to become a Pharmacist?

- Bachelor of Pharmacy – University of Sydney
- Bachelor of Pharmacy – Charles Sturt University – Wagga Wagga and Orange
- Bachelor of Pharmacy – The University of Queensland
- Bachelor of Pharmacy – La Trobe University – Bendigo
- Bachelor of Pharmacy – University of New England – Armidale

### A day in the life of a rural Pharmacist

- Supply and distribute medical and related products
- Responsible for substances restricted by the Poisons Act
- Provide advice and counsel clients to maximise the efficiency of medication and minimise the side effects
- Treat minor illnesses with non-prescription drugs
- Supply medical devices and aids and explain how to use them

### Career opportunities

- Hospital Practice
- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Research

### What sort of person should I be?

- Responsible, trustworthy and patient
- Ability to speak clearly and concisely to convey information effectively
- Effective communication through writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience
- Active listening - giving full attention to what others are saying
- Able to deal sensitively with client needs
- Be well organised
- Be a critical thinker – using logic and reasoning to identify strength