

SYDNEY PHARMACY INDIGENOUS CAMP

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WHAT IS PHARMACY?

Are you interested in chemistry and its use in the treatment of illness and disease? If so, you should consider a career as a pharmacist. Pharmacists are responsible for dispensing, preparing and providing advice on the proper use of prescription drugs or over the counter medications.

Pharmacists advise people, including health professionals like doctors, about medicines including appropriate selection, dosage and drug interactions, potential side effects and therapeutic effects.

Pharmacists are trusted and valued members of the community. Getting a degree in pharmacy qualifies you to gain entry into a profession that focuses on improving people's health and wellbeing.

INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRALIA

Indigenous pharmacists are underrepresented in the profession. Currently there are fewer than 20 registered pharmacists in Australia who identify themselves as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous Australians).

We need more pharmacists, particularly in Aboriginal communities where health professionals are lacking. Rural pharmacists experience high levels of satisfaction from the diverse range of work they perform and are respected members of rural communities. They are able to apply more of their skills and often have a wider scope of practice. As an integral part of the overall healthcare team in their community they enjoy good relationships with doctors, nurses and other health professionals.

IS PHARMACY FOR ME?

If you...

- are good at maths and science
- enjoy working with people
- like working as part of a team
- like to tackle challenging problems

then pharmacy may just be what you're looking for!

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Pharmacists are an integral part of the healthcare system and have the capacity to directly affect the lives and lifestyles of the people with whom they interact. Whether you decide to register as a pharmacist and work in your local pharmacy or hospital pharmacy, enter the pharmaceutical industry, work for government agencies or contribute to research and teaching you will have the ability and expertise to help improve the well-being of the nation.

WHAT IS THE SYDNEY PHARMACY INDIGENOUS CAMP (SydPIC)?

SydPIC is a camp that incorporates pharmacy workshops, laboratory sessions and field trips that will give you a taste of university education and a career in pharmacy. It will be held from Sunday 20 January to Thursday 24 January 2013 for up to 15-25 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, male and female, from Years 10 and 11. The SydPIC program will run over four days during which you will be introduced to the University, campus life and pharmacy.

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WHAT WILL I DO AT SydPIC?

You will tour the university campus, live on-site in college accommodation; participate in challenging workshops and fun team-building exercises including: working in the laboratory to prepare creams and lotions, make tablets and extract the active ingredients from medicines. In addition you will learn about the benefits and harmful effects from commonly used medicines.

Guided by your tutors - pharmacy teachers and a practicing indigenous pharmacist - you will visit and speak with hospital and community pharmacists, and be introduced to the science and practice of pharmacy. You will meet current students to find out firsthand what it is like to study pharmacy at the University of Sydney.

You will also have the opportunity to discover more about the city of Sydney via a night out on a harbour cruise.

COST

SydPIC is a fully sponsored event by the Faculty of Pharmacy. All your travel costs to and from Sydney, as well as accommodation, tuition, insurance and food will be covered. The only money you may require is pocket money when travelling and during your stay in Sydney.

APPLICATIONS

If you wish to apply for SydPIC you will need to complete an application form provided on our website: sydney.edu.au/pharmacy/sydpic

Applications need to be submitted by 26 October 2012.



"The Bachelor of Pharmacy combines my interest in chemistry and mathematics with my passion to address social and health-related challenges."

MELISSA BARAKAT, CURRENT
BACHELOR OF PHARMACY STUDENT

ABOUT US

The Faculty of Pharmacy is recognised as one of the leading centres for pharmacy education in Australia and enjoys an outstanding national and international reputation for research and innovation.

Our students and staff continually strive for excellence in their learning, teaching and research. Our innovative teaching style and clinical placements will provide you with a well rounded professionally relevant pharmacy degree, putting you in high demand with employers.

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