

Opportunities in Pharmacy

Invitation to Join the RBWH Pharmacy Department

We invite you to join the Pharmacy Department in one of Australia's leading teaching hospitals. With hospital pharmacy rapidly changing and a constantly challenging area of pharmacy practice, you would be involved in a fresh new approach to contemporary pharmacy practice and have opportunities to work in an interdisciplinary team setting to provide patient services.

Brisbane is a very liveable city with excellent weather, moderate cost of living, short travel times and proximity to the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast beaches.

Overview of Pharmacy Department

In a hospital of 982 beds, the Pharmacy Department has excellent facilities to support the hospital's patient-focussed model of care. It employs approximately 80 staff, including 40FTE pharmacists, 5 pre-registration trainees, 18FTE technicians/assistants, 7 administration officers, and 7 stores staff. Pharmacy services actively contribute to the quality use of medicines and safe medication practice within the hospital, and the service is guided by professional and regulatory standards and policies. The Department takes a lead role in the local implementation of QH medication safety initiatives.

The department also works closely with the University of Queensland School of Pharmacy, the National Prescribing Service and the GP Partners (Brisbane North) through shared conjoint positions and projects.

Services

- outpatient dispensing and medication counselling to ambulatory patients
- clinical pharmacy services to inpatients, day therapy patients, and operating theatres
- cancer care services including parenteral cytotoxic reconstitution
- clinical trials services
- inventory management of pharmaceuticals
- provision of drug information to medical, nursing and allied health staff, and statewide drug information service (Queensland Drug Information Centre)
- manufacture of sterile pharmaceutical products
- training and education of pharmacy staff, undergraduate/postgraduate pharmacy students, medical/nursing staff and students
- patient education
- representation on hospital/Queensland Health Committees
- provision of infrastructure support for RBWH Drug Committee and RBWH Safe Medication Practice Committee
- consultancy to other hospitals and institutions
- after hours on-call service
- participation in practice-based research and drug utilisation evaluation studies
- participation in quality improvement programs and activities
- management of financial and human resources, and financial reporting.

The Pharmacy Department opens seven days a week (8am to 6pm each day, 9am - 5pm on public holidays).

Summary of Positions Available

Several positions are available which present an opportunity to provide comprehensive services within a quality use of medicines and teaching hospital environment. Responsibilities include provision of clinical pharmacy services, participation in departmental rosters, professional development and research programs, with opportunities to further develop clinical expertise and undertake research initiatives. The positions offer substantial support for postgraduate study programs, and the Department has established links with the Department of Pharmacy, University of Queensland, participating extensively in teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate pharmacy students. Conjoint hospital/university teacher/practitioner appointments coordinate teaching programs and departmental education activities.

Staff may be required to participate in departmental rosters including weekends, public holidays and on-call services.

Essential Criteria

- Possession of a tertiary qualification in Pharmacy if relevant or completion of relevant postgraduate studies or evidence of enrolment in such studies may be required. Proof of qualification or enrolment may be required.
- Registration or eligibility for registration with the Pharmacy Board of Queensland. Proof of registration or eligibility may be required, including any necessary endorsements.
- Good communication skills, and enthusiasm for providing quality patient care.
- Preregistration trainees registering at the end of each year are also encouraged to apply, with a view to commencing work as a registered pharmacist and establishing a career in hospital pharmacy.

Salary

In accordance with the District Health Services Employees Award

Training and Development Opportunities

The Pharmacy Department supports involvement in postgraduate study programs, and provides assistance to staff who are willing to undertake further study.

Staff are supported and encouraged to take advantage of appropriate training and development opportunities offered through:

- Undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education
- Clinical practice programs, postgraduate, and professional development courses
- An extensive range of educational programs covering workplace skills, professional and personal development and contemporary management programs.

Background of RBWH

The Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital is a 982 bed general, tertiary referral teaching hospital with a number of specialties including medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, psychiatry, oncology, and trauma services. Women's and Newborn Services provides comprehensive care of obstetric, gynaecological and neonatal intensive care patients/clients on an inpatient and outpatient basis. It is the largest tertiary referral hospital in Queensland and provides services to patients throughout the State, Northern New South Wales, the Northern Territory and from neighbouring countries in the South West Pacific. The hospital fulfils a significant teaching and research role with links to Queensland's major tertiary institutions.

Located at Herston and close to the central business district of Brisbane, the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital shares the Herston Campus with the Royal Children's Hospital and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, and is committed to best practice and continuous quality improvement. Each staff member is encouraged to share these commitments, and individual and team contributions are highly valued.

For Further Information

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