The Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is one of three tertiary level facilities in Queensland, providing care in all major adult specialities, with the exception of obstetrics. The Princess Alexandra Hospital is one of Australia’s leading teaching and research hospitals.

The Hospital provides services for Acute Medical, Surgical, Mental Health, Oncology, Rehabilitation and Allied Health as well as state wide services – Acquired Brain Injury outreach Service, Queensland Amputee Limb Service, Spinal Outreach team, Renal and Liver Transplants and Transitional Rehabilitation Program.

Ancillary services include the Pastoral Care, Hospital Auxiliary, Red Cross and Volunteer Services.

The Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence has been built on site which ensures the maintenance of strong links between the hospital and University of Queensland School of Pharmacy.

For more information see our website: www.health.qld.gov.au/pahospital

Pharmacy Department
The PAH Pharmacy Department is a national leader in the implementation of clinical services, innovative methods of drug distribution, research, education/training implementation of Quality Use of Medicine (QUM) activities.

The Princess Alexandra Hospital Pharmacy employs approximately 100 staff which includes 52 Pharmacists, 28 Technicians/Assistants, Intern Pharmacists, Store people and Administration staff.

Under the guidance of three Assistant Directors, HP3 pharmacists are rostered on six month rotations through speciality areas of General Medicine, General Surgery, Oncology, Sterile Production, Mental health, Pre-admission clinic, Stroke/amputee rehabilitation, Infectious Diseases, Spinal and Brain Injury units and Dispensary.

More experienced pharmacists may then have the option of rotation through Renal/transplant and Cardiology. Support is provided by a team based approach involving with both Senior Pharmacists and Specialist Pharmacists in each team.
The Pharmacy Department provides clinical pharmacy services to all areas in the hospital including:

- Cardiology
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Critical care
- Emergency
- Gastroenterology
- General Medicine
- General and specialist surgery
- Aged care
- Stroke/amputee rehabilitation
- Infectious Diseases
- Mental Health
- Neurology
- Oncology/Haematology
- Orthopaedics
- Pre-admission clinic
- Renal/Liver Transplants
- Respiratory
- Spinal Injuries
- Urology
- Vascular medicine and surgery

The pharmacy runs a comprehensive Drug Use Evaluation service, with a designated Drug use Evaluation pharmacist, two satellite pharmacies (in addition to the main pharmacy), a Sterile Production Centre and provides a clinical trials service. The pharmacy department participates fully and takes a leading role in the hospital wide medication safety program.

Continuing education is encouraged and well supported within the pharmacy and weekly education sessions consisting of Grand Rounds, Ward based Teaching, Journal Club and Clinical Case Studies. Opportunities exist to attend State and Federal conferences, speciality courses (such as Society of Hospital Pharmacy Association endorsed seminars) and Post Graduate studies. Departmental education is enhanced by the existence of four (4) conjoint appointments with the University of Queensland, School of Pharmacy.

Princess Alexandra Hospital pharmacy is a leader in Queensland and Australia in developing information technology solutions for enhancement of quality use of medicines activities. The department is currently undertaking the installation of a Pharmacy Automation System (Robot), with the dispensary system expected to be operation by August 2010.

Princess Alexandra Hospital pharmacists are strongly supported by technician/assistant, stores people and administration staff. Roles include dispensing of medication, preparation of discharge medication records, imprest management, distribution of medication, sterile manufacturing and dispensing, facilitation of information provision to primary carers and PBS reimbursement.

**Position Content**

The Intern Pharmacist program encompasses rotations through the dispensary, a medical ward, a surgical ward, the aged care unit and the Sterile Production Centre. Pharmacy Interns are also sent to the Royal Brisbane Hospital for a short time to paediatrics and drug information. Options exist for Pharmacy Interns to rotate through almost all other areas. In each area the Pharmacy Intern has a designated supervisor and a sound competency framework. A designated preceptor assists throughout the year with regular scheduled meeting to discuss the completion of the Pharmacy Intern Training Program by assigning teaching time to review discussion papers, interventions and cases and discuss personal progress throughout the pre-registration program.
Accommodation
No accommodation is provided by the hospital.

Locale
The hospital is located 4kms from central Brisbane. There is access to public transport with buses stopping outside the hospital and two railway lines are within walking distance from the hospital. Situated in an established suburban area, the hospital is accessible to shopping centres, theatres, restaurants, pubs and other entertainment and amenities. On-site facilities include a kiosk, chapel, gymnasium and social club. The Gold Coast beaches and hinterland are only an hour's drive away and the Sunshine Coast, to the north, is within a one and a half hour's drive.