

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)



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Why JCU?

#1 PHARMACY DEGREE IN AUSTRALIA

JCU's Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) degree is ranked as the top pharmacy degree in Australia for learner engagement, student support and median graduate salary*.

PLENTY OF HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

With over 644 clinical practice hours, the highest numbers in an Australian pharmacy degree, you'll be well equipped and in high demand by employers when you graduate.

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Experience placement opportunities in a range of unique and diverse communities and gain a wide scope of practice. Learn in general practice, community and hospital pharmacies, and develop the skills to make a difference to regional, rural and remote communities and beyond.

BALANCE WORK, LIFE AND STUDY

Study pharmacy at JCU Cairns, Mackay or Townsville, and discover flexible study through a mix of online and on campus classes. Choose from part-time or full-time study.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals. Study with the university independently rated five stars for student support*.

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✔ Learn through hands-on experience with clinical placements in low-resource communities. You'll have opportunities to make a real difference to the health of regional, rural, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Gain a wide scope of experience, equipping you with the skills to work in any setting, from the outback to the city. With the highest number of clinical practice hours in an Australian pharmacy degree, you'll graduate with clinical skills at the highest standard.

✔ Gain extensive skills in pharmaceutical care with a focus on cultural, rural, remote and tropical contexts. Learn about the practical use of medicines, preventative healthcare strategies and effective communication. You will study a comprehensive range of core subjects including chemistry, human anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, therapeutics, and primary healthcare.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Townsville, Cairns, Mackay
Start Dates:	January
Duration:	3 years full-time, 5 years part-time
ATAR:	76
Prerequisites:	English (Units 3/4,C), General Mathematics (Units 3/4,C) Recommended Knowledge: Chemistry (Units 3/4,C)

Not everyone takes the same pathway to university. If you don't meet the course entry requirements, there are options. Contact the team to discuss your [pathway to pharmacy](#).

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.

Why choose pharmacy?

OPEN THE DOOR TO A RANGE OF CAREER OPTIONS

Pharmacy can lead to a range of careers, including working in retail community pharmacy stores, hospitals, Defence Force, research and drug development, aged care facilities, GP and health clinics, home visits, health service management and much more. As well as dispensing medications, retail pharmacists often provide a range of services, such as health and medication advice, vaccinations, health check-ups and reviews of medications.

“Since I’ve done pharmacy, no two days have been the same. There is just so much diversity to a career in pharmacy and it’s so rewarding as you really get to see the difference you can make to someone’s health.”

– Kate Gill, JCU Bachelor of Pharmacy Graduate

CHANGE PEOPLE’S LIVES

Pharmacists are on the front line of health care, making a difference to people’s health and improving community health outcomes. Pharmacists are also important members of the healthcare team, working with doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals, assisting in improving the health and wellbeing of people.

“My job still excites me. I get to make a difference every day. My Bachelor of Pharmacy is not just a degree to me, it’s the chance to really apply my skills. I’ve had opportunities to create change and really improve patient care.”

– Dr Stevie Perks, JCU Bachelor of Pharmacy Graduate

BE IN DEMAND

Looking for job security? JCU Pharmacy graduates are highly sought after by employers, JCU Pharmacy offers an in-demand and rewarding career, ranked #1 in Australia for median graduate salary*.

“Pharmacy is very much a portable career that you can take to any community and find work. There is always a lot of opportunities. There’s usually a pharmacist in every community.”

– Eddie Gacitua, JCU Bachelor of Pharmacy Graduate

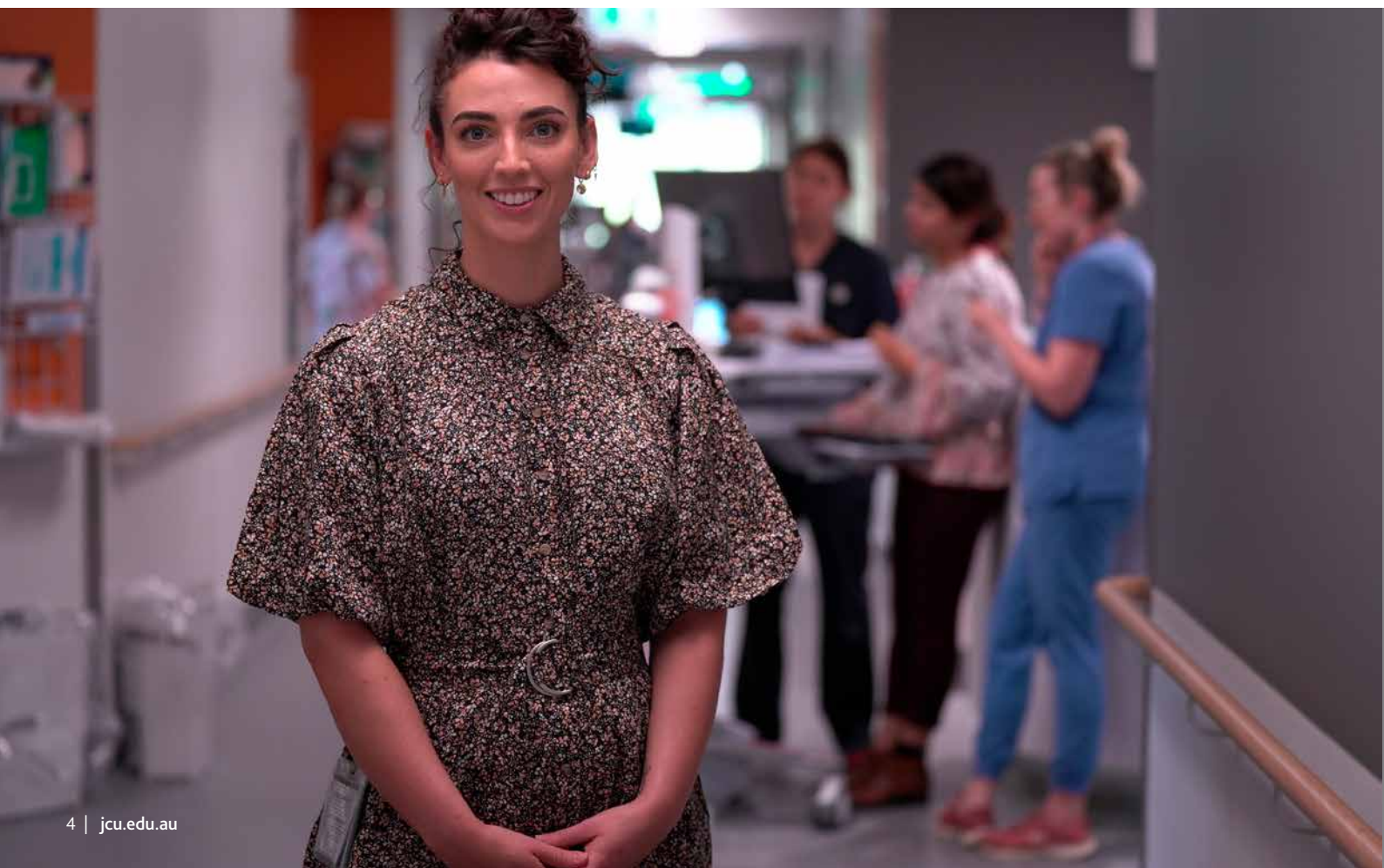
JOB FLEXIBILITY

A career in pharmacy offers a range of career pathways, some of which may offer flexibility in working arrangements, including part-time/full-time, casual, day or night shifts to help you balance your work, life and family commitments.

“Pharmacy has been the perfect career for me having children and being able to come and go from the workforce between having children. It’s a career that is always in demand. Every time I’ve been ready to come back to work there has been a job here for me.”

– Sarah Hughes, JCU Bachelor of Pharmacy Graduate

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“Studying pharmacy at JCU has opened so many doors, from traveling across Queensland, studying in places I’ve never heard of and networking with many influential people, I’ve loved every minute.”

What sets pharmacy at JCU apart from other programs is the effort the faculty invests in you. They’re truly invested in developing the best pharmacists in Australia, that’s why I’m prepared for practice next year.”

James Oh

BACHELOR OF PHARMACY GRADUATE



“JCU Pharmacy has produced today’s brightest pharmacy minds and most influential leaders, but you won’t just find our graduates leading national debate, policy development or running very senior health service portfolios. They are also making a big difference for patients. This is partly because we attract passionate and clever students and partly because we have great educators who are able to teach in small groups and have the experience to apply theory to authentic pharmacy problems. That’s what makes it so popular with our students and one of the best pharmacy programs in the country. Combined with our applied research focus, our graduates are well rounded and highly sought after. Come to JCU Pharmacy and you will get a great pharmacy education and be ready to take your place in the pharmacy profession.”

Associate Professor John Smithson

HEAD OF PHARMACY

Career Opportunities

There is a strong demand for pharmacists across Australia. Highly skilled and trained in all aspects of contemporary and future pharmacy practice, JCU Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) graduates are sought after by employers.

You will have a range of exciting career opportunities including hospital and community pharmacy, practice management, government health services and regulatory bodies, defence force and the pharmaceutical industries.

Be equipped with the skills to work in any setting, ranging from metropolitan cities to the outback and the remotest of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

With further study, you could pursue a career in clinical research and university teaching or even work overseas.





JCU Accommodation

Living on campus is a great way to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture, with **multiple accommodation options available** across the campuses.

JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas houses over 1,300 students, and JCU Cairns, Ngumbada campus, Smithfield offers a new complex for 300 students. All rooms at JCU Townsville and JCU Cairns residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully-catered or self-catered housing.

Students living in Mackay can choose from the JCU Mackay Student Residential College or the JCU Mackay Base Hospital Student Accommodation. Both sites are fully air-conditioned and offer a private, lockable room with shared kitchen, bathrooms and lounge area.

Once a semester, all Pharmacy students from Townsville, Cairns and Mackay gather together for one week at JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas to access world-class pharmacy laboratories and practise and develop their skills further. JCU provides a cost-effective, stress-free accommodation option on-campus for this short stay. Find out more about **pharmacy accommodation**.

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