

## Pharmacist

### What do they do?

Pharmacists supply, dispense and manufacture medicines and drugs in hospitals and community pharmacies and advise on their appropriate use. They also conduct research into the formulation, production, storage, quality control and distribution of medicines and drugs.

### Tasks and duties

- ▶ Prepare or supervise the dispensing of medicines, ointments and tablets.
- ▶ Counsel patients on how their medicines are to be taken or used.
- ▶ Advise members of the public and other health professionals about medicines (both prescription and over the counter medicines), including appropriate selection, dosage and drug interactions, potential side effects and therapeutic effects.
- ▶ Select, give advice on and supply non-prescription medicine, sickroom supplies and other products.
- ▶ Develop legally recognised standards and advise on government controls and regulations concerning the manufacture and supply of medicines.
- ▶ Work in the research and development of medicines and other health-related products.

### Where do they work?

- ▶ Public and Private Hospitals
- ▶ Community Pharmacies
- ▶ Industrial and Pharmaceutical Companies

### What abilities do I need?

- ▶ Careful and methodical
- ▶ Able to work without supervision
- ▶ Good communication skills
- ▶ Able to deal sensitively with patients' needs
- ▶ Interest in chemistry and science

### Want further information?

Additional course and entrance information is available from university admissions centres, universities, careers advisers and from the following websites:

- ▶ Pharmacy Guild of Australia - [www.guild.org.au](http://www.guild.org.au)
- ▶ The Good Guide - [www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au](http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au)

### Scholarships available

- ▶ [www.nrhsn.org.au](http://www.nrhsn.org.au)
- ▶ Check professional bodies websites
- ▶ Check your State or Territory Government website for further information.

# nrhsn about us

## National Rural Health Student Network

The National Rural Health Student Network (NRHSN) provides a voice for students who are passionate about improving health outcomes for rural and remote Australians. The NRHSN has over 9,000 members who belong to 28 Rural Health Clubs at universities throughout Australia. They include students studying medical, nursing and allied health courses. The NRHSN offers networking, professional development and opportunities to enable positive rural health experiences. For further information please visit [www.nrhsn.org.au](http://www.nrhsn.org.au)

## Rural Health Workforce Australia

Rural Health Workforce Australia and the national network of Rural Workforce Agencies attract, recruit and support health workers to care for people in rural and remote communities.

We also know that students are the future of rural health. That's why we support the NRHSN and the 28 university Rural Health Clubs.

So if you are thinking about a career in rural health or want to connect with one of our Clubs, we would love to hear from you.

## Our Network

### Peak Body

Rural Health  
Workforce Australia  
[www.rhwa.org.au](http://www.rhwa.org.au)  
03 9860 4700

### Vic

RWAV  
[www.rwav.com.au](http://www.rwav.com.au)  
03 9349 7800

### QLD

Health Workforce  
Queensland  
[www.healthworkforce.com.au](http://www.healthworkforce.com.au)  
07 3105 7800

### Tas

Health Recruitment  
Plus Tasmania  
[www.healthrecruitmentplus.com.au](http://www.healthrecruitmentplus.com.au)  
03 6334 2355

### NSW

NSW Rural  
Doctors Network  
[www.nswrdn.com.au](http://www.nswrdn.com.au)  
02 4924 8000

### SA

Rural Doctors Workforce  
Agency  
[www.ruraldoc.com.au](http://www.ruraldoc.com.au)  
08 8234 8277

### WA

Rural Health West  
[www.ruralhealthwest.com.au](http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au)  
08 6389 4500

### NT

PHN Northern Territory  
[www.ntphn.org.au](http://www.ntphn.org.au)  
08 8982 1000

## Rural Health Clubs



- 1 **ARMS** - Australian National University, ACT
- 2 **AURHA** - Adelaide University, SA
- 3 **BREAATHHE** - University of Newcastle, NSW
- 4 **BUSHFIRE** - Bond University, QLD
- 5 **CARAH** - Charles Darwin University, NT in assoc with Flinders University, SA
- 6 **CRANC** - University of Canberra, ACT
- 7 **FURHS** - Flinders University, SA
- 8 **HOPE4HEALTH** - Griffith University, QLD
- 9 **KRASH** - Notre Dame University, Broome, WA
- 10 **LARHC** - La Trobe University, Bendigo, VIC
- 11 **MARHS** - Charles Sturt University, Albury, NSW including La Trobe University Wodonga campus
- 12 **MIRAGE** - University of Sydney, NSW
- 13 **NERCHA** - University of New England, NSW
- 14 **NOMAD** - Deakin University, VIC
- 15 **OUTLOOK** - University of Melbourne, VIC
- 16 **RAHMS** - University of New South Wales, NSW
- 17 **RHINO** - James Cook University, QLD
- 18 **RHUUWS** - University of Western Sydney, NSW
- 19 **ROUNDS** - Notre Dame University, Sydney campus, NSW
- 20 **ROUSTAH** - University of South Australia, SA
- 21 **RUSTICA** - University of Tasmania, TAS
- 22 **SHARP** - University of Wollongong, NSW
- 23 **SPINRPHEX** - Combined Universities of Western Australia, WA
- 24 **SIARRH** - Charles Darwin University, NT including Flinders University, SA
- 25 **TROHPIQ** - University of Queensland, QLD
- 26 **WAALHIIBE** - Combined Universities of Western Australia, WA
- 27 **WARRIAHS** - Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- 28 **WILDFIRE** - Monash University, VIC