

Requirements of the EVOLVE Intern Training Programme

All New Zealand B.Pharm graduates and overseas registered pharmacists who have met the qualifications for practice in the Scope of Practice of an Intern Pharmacist (as set by the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand) are eligible to call themselves intern pharmacists and are required to undertake the EVOLVE Intern Programme. The EVOLVE Intern Programme runs concurrently with a practical training period and is the training and assessment that occurs around that work experience.

All NZ graduate interns must undertake supervised practice, under an approved preceptor pharmacist in an approved site, from 1 February until registration in mid December, concurrently whilst completing the assessment requirements of the EVOLVE Intern Programme. NZ graduate interns are required to undertake and complete the EVOLVE Intern Programme within two years of completion of their B.Pharm.

Overseas pharmacist interns must complete a minimum of 26 weeks supervised practice under an approved preceptor pharmacist in an approved site whilst completing the assessment requirements of the EVOLVE Intern Programme. These interns may enter the Programme either in the month of May or the month of December and must complete the Programme within two years of acceptance.

Experience tells us that the interns that are eager to learn, have a professional attitude, learn to be part of a team and take on responsibility willingly get the most out of the Intern Training period and make excellent pharmacists. The more the intern puts in, the more they will benefit and achieve. Every intern is responsible for their own learning and achievement, with the aim of being eligible to apply for Registration as a Pharmacist on completion of their practical training.