

PHARMACY

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

A School-Based Pharmacy Traineeship allows students to complete a nationally recognised qualification while finishing high school.

Students combine:

- Paid employment in a community pharmacy
- Structured workplace training
- Formal study delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
- Ongoing support from supervisors and trainers

This pathway enables students to gain real industry experience, practical skills, and a qualification before they graduate Year 12.

What Does the Traineeship Involve?

Students typically:

- Work part-time 7.5+ hours per week in a local pharmacy (often one day per week and additional school holiday shifts)
- Complete structured training aligned to the SIR20116 Certificate II in Community Pharmacy
- Develop workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and professionalism
- Learn pharmacy-specific skills including customer service, stock handling, point of sale, and assisting in dispensary operations
- Are supervised at all times by qualified pharmacy staff

The traineeship usually runs over 12 months, depending on the qualification and school schedule.

Eligibility

- Consent from school to undertake the program
- High interest in a pharmacy school based traineeship
- In year 10, 11 or 12
- Parent/guardian is in agreement for the student to undertake the program

To get started:

1. Speak with your school Career or VET Coordinator to check you are not enrolled in VETis or another traineeship and confirm your release day (if any).
2. Review the course information pack at ava.edu.au
3. Submit our [Pharmacy Traineeship EOI form](#) and attach your resume. Take your time with the application questions (as this information will inform local Pharmacies of your interest).
4. Our team will contact our existing and new pharmacy clients in the local area and provide a summary back to the Careers or VET Coordinator at your school on opportunities for you.
5. Interviews will be organised with any local pharmacies who would be interested in your application.

Apply at

<https://ava.edu.au/blog/pharmacyeoi>

