

Intern Recruitment 2023

Frequently Asked Questions



How many intern positions are there?

There will be 45 full-time intern positions for 2023.

How many intern places will Barwon Health offer in the VRPA round and the metro round? Should applicants apply for both?

PMCV are responsible for the match process, and can advise how this will run. We are very excited to be part of both the VRPA and metro match as we offer career opportunities for both metro and rural junior doctors. We encourage you to only apply for the health services that you really want to come to, and continue to refer to the PMCV website and their VRPA session as your source of information. See PMCV for further information & resources <https://www.pmcv.com.au/intern-match-2022/>

How many Priority Group 2 and 3 students did Barwon Health accept in previous years, and how many will you be accepting this year?

We work within the PMCV guidelines. We've been able to offer positions to international students and those from interstate. The number will vary from year to year.

What is your typical intake ratio of Deakin to non-Deakin interns? I completed my training at another hospital - does this affect my application?

Ratio varies from year to year. We have doctors from all Clinical Schools in our intern group. We

are interested in doctors who want to learn, work and stay at Barwon Health.

Will Barwon Health consider paired applications?

Paired applications are welcome. The request to be considered as a paired application needs to be clearly identified in both applicants' cover letters. Ranking will be the average of both applicants.

I am interested in part-time internship

Barwon Health can offer part-time internship which will be completed over two years. Please discuss your individual needs with PMCV and our Director Medical Workforce prior to submitting your application.

How do I apply for an intern position at Barwon Health?

Applications must be made to PMCV and to Barwon Health via the online recruitment system:

<https://barwon.mercury.com.au/>

What do I have to include in my application?

Your application should include:

- Responses to Key Selection Criteria questions
- Curriculum Vitae (use standardised PMCV template with passport photo)
- Cover letter addressed to Ms Karen Hamon, Director Medical Workforce Unit

Is there a page/ word limit for the cover letter and CV?

We recommend you keep both documents succinct, clearly communicating the required information. Cover letter to be no more than one page.

Will there be a face-to-face interview in addition to the PMCV pre-recorded interview?

No there will be no additional interviews.

What references do you require? E.g. Consultant or can it be registrar; would you prefer references from your hospital; will you accept non-clinical references; how recent do they need to be?

References should be completed by someone who knows you in the clinical environment and can provide comments. We recommend you use a consultant or fellow. Non clinical references are not accepted.

What criteria will Barwon Health be using for selecting interns for 2023?

Barwon Health will use the following information to assess your application:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae (PMCV template)
- References (PMCV template)
- Responses to key selection questions
- Online Interview performance.

What is the education program for internship?

There is a dedicated one-week Intern Orientation program, which includes simulation training on managing the deteriorating patient, clinical skills workshops and preparedness for clinical practice primers (i.e. clinical handovers, clinical documentation, clinical software use and wellbeing support).

On a weekly basis, we have intern tutorials (with lunch provided) as well as Grand Rounds. There are additional weekly tutorial programs for junior doctors in Emergency, Aged Care, Rehabilitation as well as Psychiatry. Ward based deteriorating patient simulations are scheduled throughout the year.

In addition to the formal programs, we have opportunities to participate in Clinical Unit teaching and journal clubs, Deakin Medical School simulation sessions and other Unit-based teaching activities.

I'm interested in research - what opportunities do you have at Barwon Health?

As junior medical staff, you are encouraged to join active research and audit projects within your Clinical Directorates. If you are interested in a more formal research experience, Barwon Health offers countless opportunities in partnership with Deakin University, such as a Masters in Surgical Research or a PhD within world-renowned Research Centres such as IMPACT (Institute for Mental and Physical Health and Clinical Translation) or GCEID (Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases).

Following internship, what are the training and career opportunities at Barwon Health?

Barwon Health offers a wide range of prevocational and vocational training positions to support your career progression. The prevocational training positions, such as Critical Care are carefully designed to provide you with the necessary experience and opportunities to help with deciding on your career pathway and assist you in the respective Specialist College entry process. Details of these are found in our Intern program booklet.

Critical care, a popular prevocational training pathway is offered in PGY3 along with the Diploma of Obstetrics and Certificate in Emergency Medicine. The Certificate of Obstetrics is offered in PGY2 and 3. Our PGY2 program has 3 streams- Medicine, Surgery and General. Of note paediatrics and obstetrics terms are available in the General stream. Emergency rotations involve paediatric presentations and are accredited for paediatric component of GP training.

Our Junior doctors have consistently high success rates with Specialist College exams.

Most of our senior medical staff have themselves trained at Barwon Health and are passionate about the health service, mentoring our junior staff and the lifestyle that comes with working in a regional centre.

What if I'm not matched to Barwon Health for my internship?

We will encourage you to consider reapplying for Barwon Health as you develop your medical career. Re-join us for a HMO2/3 position in BPT1, Surgery, General or Critical Care.

Can I organise a tour of the hospital?

Due to the current COVID-19 related public health measures, we are unable to accommodate requests for hospital tours by interested applicants.

What is it like living and working in Geelong?

Geelong is Victoria's second largest city with a population of more than 250,000. The region offers a great lifestyle with access to world-class beaches, a vibrant café scene, beautiful parklands and affordable housing. Find out more:

<http://www.barwonhealth.org.au/careers-volunteers/moving-to-our-region>.

Enquiries

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