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Intern Training Program Standards for Pharmacy

Successful completion of the pharmacy Intern Training Program (ITP) is a requirement for registration as a pharmacist and it is intended that the ITP will be accredited by the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand (PCNZ) and the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) in the respective countries.

Australian and New Zealand pharmacy graduates enter the pharmacy intern training year after completing an undergraduate or graduate pharmacy course. It is a competency based, work integrated learning program, where the pharmacy intern practises under the supervision of an approved preceptor (pharmacist) in an approved training site while completing a course of study (ITP).

The PCNZ currently uses the APC accreditation processes and standards to accredit the Schools of Pharmacy in New Zealand. This is to ensure the same standards across New Zealand and Australia for undergraduate and graduate degrees.

In New Zealand the Pharmacy Council has accredited an ITP. To ensure nationally consistent ITPs of good quality across Australia and New Zealand, it had been decided that the APC will also accredit ITPs in Australia.

To achieve this the APC and PCNZ have developed a set of ITP Standards which will form the basis of the Accreditation Framework for Intern Training Programs in Australia and New Zealand. These Standards are a combination of Australian and New Zealand requirements and as such are written in a manner to accommodate both countries.

APC and PCNZ have released the ITP Standards for public consultation until **22 September 2009**. Should you wish to provide feedback consultation documents are available at the following locations:

Australia: www.pharmacycouncil.org.au

New Zealand: www.pharmacycouncil.org.nz/Consultations