

Master of Pharmacy (HLM501.1)

Please note these are the 2026 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Pharmacy
UAC code	880800
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0, with no band score below 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

International students

Academic entry requirements	<p>To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.</p>
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About this course

Never too late to change

If you're looking for an alternative career path that offers long-term career prospects and exponential growth, while also taking advantage of your existing qualifications - then the UC Master of Pharmacy course is the perfect next step.

This 2-year full-time course covers the science, chemical composition and application of medication, how medication impacts the human body; and how to apply scientific theory to the clinical reasoning and evaluation for an individual patient's medication.

This course has been specially designed to help bring you up to speed with the latest industry theories, research and innovations quickly and efficiently; and eventually provide you with the knowledge, skills, and qualifications required to become an officially registered and respected UC Pharmacy graduate.

If you want an internationally recognised career in an ever-expanding industry which offers a positive impact on patients' lives, then sign up for the UC Master of Pharmacy course today.

Complete a Master of Pharmacy at UC and you will:

- explore the theory and practical science of pharmacy
- study within a small and specialised learning environment
- gain the necessary knowledge, exposure, attitudes and clinical decision-making skills required to practice as a pharmacist
- engage through lectures, practical laboratory classes, and clinical placements
- undertake a series of problem-based clinical studies
- develop an understanding of healthcare consumers' needs
- gain direct experience of the regulatory side of pharmacy practice.
- be challenged by leading academics and industry experts
- establish essential professional networks.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL allows students to work alongside, with, or for professional or government organisations allowing you to gain valuable hands-on experience and build professional relationships before they graduate. This approach ensures that UC students are aware of what is going on their specialist industries, possess a wide range of professional contacts, and as a result have a higher chance of employment upon graduation.

As part of this course, each student will have the opportunity to participate in multiple 2-week placements that take place over the winter semesters at metropolitan, rural or regional community and hospital pharmacies.

Students will also get to participate in half day or full day work placements throughout each of the teaching semesters.

Career opportunities

As the aging population continues to grow globally, the demand for qualified and skilled pharmacists who can also engage with patients across all demographics is expected to increase. UC Master of Pharmacy graduate will enter this market with the benefit of having been trained in a smaller, more personal, learning environment resulting in each student receiving a higher level of mentored education.

What this means is that UC Master of Pharmacy graduates are industry respected and will be more than adequately prepared for a variety of career options in either private or government pharmaceutical organisations.

Alternatively, graduates will also have the option to gain further qualifications by returning to university at a later date to continue their studies.

Course specific information

Prior to undertaking any clinical placement students will be required to:

- undertake a National Police Check
- obtain a Working with Vulnerable People registration
- provide your immunisation history

- have a qualification in First Aid including CPR

Acknowledgement of the principles of ethical conduct and patient's privacy within the healthcare setting are sought from the students. Healthcare institutions will require all students to abide by their guidelines for conduct within their environments.

Professional accreditation

This course is fully accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council.

Admission requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

1. A completed bachelor degree in any discipline with a credit or higher average, and
2. A minimum of one unit (subject) of degree level (or higher) study in five of the following six disciplines - chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology.

Limited Commonwealth-supported places (CSPs) are available for this course and will be awarded on academic merit. To be considered for a CSP, please submit your application by 31 October 2024. Eligible applicants will be notified from 15 November 2024. The University will continue to issue fee-paying (FEE) offers until this date, offers for any eligible CSP applicants will be updated accordingly.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Master of Pharmacy (HLM501) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 48 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[Research Planning PG \(6486\) | 3 credit points — Level P](#)

Clinical Therapeutics 1 G (9400) | 3 credit points – Level G
Clinical Therapeutics 2 PG (9401) | 3 credit points – Level P
Clinical Therapeutics 3 PG (9402) | 3 credit points – Level P
Clinical Therapeutics 4 PG (9403) | 3 credit points – Level P
Pharmacy Practice 1 G (9405) | 3 credit points – Level G
Pharmacy Practice 2 PG (9406) | 3 credit points – Level P
Pharmacy Practice 3 PG (9407) | 3 credit points – Level P
Pharmacy Practice 4 PG (9408) | 3 credit points – Level P
Systems Pharmacology 1 PG (9410) | 3 credit points – Level P
Systems Pharmacology 2 PG (9411) | 3 credit points – Level P
Systems Pharmacology 3 PG (9412) | 3 credit points – Level P
Dispensary Practice G (11705) | 3 credit points – Level G
Pharmaceutical Science G (11706) | 3 credit points – Level G
Pharmacy Practice 5 PG (11707) | 3 credit points – Level P
Research in Quality Use of Medicines PG (11708) | 3 credit points – Level P

Research Planning PG: Students who have completed postgraduate level research training may substitute an Open Elective unit at Graduate or Postgraduate Level, as approved by the Course Convener.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Clinical Therapeutics 1 G (9400)

Dispensary Practice G (11705)

Pharmacy Practice 1 G (9405)

Systems Pharmacology 1 PG (9410)

Semester 2

Clinical Therapeutics 2 PG (9401)

[Pharmaceutical Science G \(11706\)](#)

[Pharmacy Practice 2 PG \(9406\)](#)

[Systems Pharmacology 2 PG \(9411\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Clinical Therapeutics 3 PG \(9402\)](#)

[Pharmacy Practice 3 PG \(9407\)](#)

[Research Planning PG \(6486\)](#)

[Systems Pharmacology 3 PG \(9412\)](#)

Semester 2

[Clinical Therapeutics 4 PG \(9403\)](#)

[Pharmacy Practice 4 PG \(9408\)](#)

[Pharmacy Practice 5 PG \(11707\)](#)

[Research in Quality Use of Medicines PG \(11708\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 6 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Developed independent cognitive, technical, and communication skills that underpin the safe and accountable practice of pharmacy and enable sound judgement in complex problem solving.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; and</p>

	<p>behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; and adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
Coherent and comprehensive theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of pharmacy, suitable for entering the Pharmacy profession as an intern pharmacist and as the basis for independent life-long learning.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
Applied creativity and initiative to plan, execute and communicate an independent body of research that can drive future areas of pharmacy practice.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; and use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>

Integrated evidence-based research with a critical analysis of recent developments in health care, and an in-depth study of medicines management and patient care, across diverse contexts.

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Placements requirements

This course requires students to meet compulsory placement requirements prior to undertaking professional placement (Work-Integrated Learning) in a clinical or professional setting. For information on what these requirements are and how to meet these requirements, please visit www.canberra.edu.au/placement

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Pharmacy	M Pharm

Alternative exits

HLC002 Graduate Certificate in Health Studies

Enrolment data

2023 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
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Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email student.centre@canberra.edu.au
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.