Bachelor of Pharmacy

COURSE OUTLINE
The Bachelor of Pharmacy is a professional degree designed to meet the demands for pharmacy services across Australia. Pharmacy at Charles Darwin University (CDU) has a special focus on rural and remote practice to meet the unique and diverse needs of the communities in these regions. The Bachelor of Pharmacy is a four-year degree with an in-course Honours program, which encompasses the sciences that underpin the study of pharmacy itself including chemistry, anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. Pharmacy-specific subjects such as pharmaceutics, pharmacy practice, pharmaco-kinetics, pharmacology and therapeutics run throughout the program. During the course students undertake professional placements in the pharmaceutical industry, community and hospital pharmacies, and placements in rural and/or remote pharmacies or healthcare centres. Professional placements provide an understanding and an experience of the processes involved in providing primary healthcare, clinical pharmacy services, and drug information in various practice and work environments.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The demand for pharmacists in Australia is high and this is expected to continue. Pharmacy graduates have a wide range of career options and opportunities, with most opting for careers as community or hospital pharmacists. An increasing number of graduates are undertaking extra study at CDU to become independent consultant pharmacists. Other challenging and fulfilling options include careers in government and regulatory authorities, the pharmaceutical industry, research, and academia.
PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION
After graduation, but before full registration, graduates are required to complete a 12-month preregistration program set by the Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA). The preregistration program, which might find a graduate working in a hospital, a community pharmacy, or in a remote and/or rural health care environment, provides graduates with the opportunity to gain the knowledge, experience and confidence to meet the requirements of the PBA assessment. Graduates who successfully complete the PBA assessment are eligible to register as a pharmacist and work anywhere in Australia.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are available for both new and continuing students. Visit CDU’s Scholarships web page for more information, W: www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia also offers scholarships to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and students from rural and remote areas, to pursue studies in pharmacy. For more information visit the Pharmacy Guild website W: www.guild.org.au.

POLICE CHECK
A police check is mandatory for healthcare professionals and is required in the case of clinical placements.

POST GRADUATE OPTIONS
The CDU Pharmacy degree offers an in-course Honours degree. A Masters degree by research and a Doctor of Philosophy research programs are also available.