

Intern Recruitment 2024

Frequently Asked Questions



How many intern positions are there?

There will be 45 full-time intern positions for 2024.

How many intern places will Barwon Health offer in the VRPA (Victorian Rural Preferential Allocation) 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 apply only for the health services that you really want to come to, and continue to refer to the PMCV website for further information on the VRPA process. See PMCV for further information & resources <https://www.pmcv.com.au/intern-match-2023/>

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 have 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 graduates? I completed my training at another clinical school - does this affect my application?

The ratio varies from year to year. We have doctors from all Clinical Schools in our intern cohort. 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 positions, 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 both 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. Your cover letter should be no longer than one page.

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

Barwon Health does not conduct individual interviews for internship positions.

What are the requirements for references?

Two (2x) references using the PMCV template are required. The references must be completed by a supervisor (consultant or registrar) from your clinical placements within the past 12 months. These clinical references do not need to be specifically from Barwon Health.

Non-clinical references are not accepted.

What criteria will Barwon Health be using for selecting interns for 2024?

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 PMCV 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).

Weekly intern tutorials and Grand Rounds occur with lunch provided. More specialised weekly tutorial programs for junior doctors occur in Emergency Medicine, Aged Care, Rehabilitation, and Psychiatry. Ward based deteriorating patient simulations are scheduled throughout the year.

In addition to the formal programs, Junior Medical Staff have opportunities to participate in Clinical Unit teaching, Journal Clubs, and Deakin Medical School Simulation sessions.

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

Junior Medical Staff 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, including 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 career progression. The prevocational training streams are carefully designed to provide

the necessary experience and opportunities to help with successful Specialist College entry applications and career development. 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 the Emergency Medicine Certificate. Opportunity to complete a certificate of Women's Health 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 the paediatric component of GP training. Many of our senior medical staff have 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 encourage you to consider reapplying for Barwon Health as you develop your medical career. Re-join us for a PGY2 or 3 position in BPT1, Surgery, General or Critical Care streams.

Can I request a tour of the hospital?

A virtual tour is accessible via the link below.

[Barwon Health Snapshot \(vimeo.com\)](#)

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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