Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

• Access to world-class teachers
• Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
• Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
• Connect with professional networks
• Support through scholarships for merit and equity
• Discover great accommodation options

BALANCE WORK, LIFE AND STUDY

Study pharmacy at JCU Cairns+, Mackay+ or Townsville, and discover flexible study through a mix of online and on campus classes, and choose from part-time or full-time study.

BE READY TODAY, FOR TOMORROW

JCU Pharmacy graduates are in demand by employers for their strong clinical skills and breadth of experience. Ranked as the number one university+ in Queensland for full-time graduate employment for pharmacists, JCU equips graduates with the knowledge and skills to work in any setting.

TOP-OF-CLASS EDUCATION

Independently rated 5 Stars for overall experience, learner engagement, student support and teaching quality*, JCU’s Pharmacy degree will set you up for success.

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Develop strong clinical skills with over 600 hours of clinical placement in local pharmacies and hospitals.

*ComparEd QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2017-2019  
*Good Universities Guide 2020  
+JCU has 20 years experience teaching pharmacy in Townsville. JCU has applied to the Australian Pharmacy Council for accreditation to deliver JCU’s Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) in Cairns and Mackay in 2021.
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)

✓ Learn through hands-on experience with clinical placements in low-resource communities where you’ll get to make a real difference to the health of regional, rural, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Working in these settings gives you a wide scope of experience, equipping you with the skills to work in any setting from outback to the city. With one of the highest number of clinical practice hours in an Australian pharmacy degree, you’ll graduate with clinical skills to the highest standard and be in demand when you graduate.

✓ Gain extensive skills in pharmaceutical care with a focus on cultural, rural, remote and tropical contexts. Learn about the practical use of medicines, preventative healthcare strategies and effective communication. You will study a comprehensive range of core subjects including chemistry, human anatomy and physiology, biology, pharmacology, therapeutics and research.

COURSE DETAILS:

- Locations: Townsville, Cairns, Mackay*
- Start Dates: February
- Duration: 4 years full-time,
  6 years part-time (part-time study available for year 1 and 2)
- ATAR: 79.3 | English (Units 3/4,C), Chemistry (3/4,C), Mathematical Methods (3/4,C)

Please visit the handbook for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.

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**DIVERSITY OF EXPERIENCES**
There are many career opportunities besides working in a retail community pharmacy store. You could work in hospital pharmacy, as a cancer specialist, in a Defence Force pharmacy, visit patients at home or in aged care facilities, work in medicine development and research or health service management, and much more.

**BE HANDS-ON WITH HELPING PEOPLE**
Pharmacists are on the front line of health care. They are also important members of the healthcare team, working with doctors, nurses and other health professionals to assist in improving the health and wellbeing of people.

**BE IN-DEMAND**
JCU pharmacy graduates are in demand for their strong level of skills. JCU Pharmacy is ranked as the number one university in Queensland for full-time graduate employment for pharmacists (QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2017 - 2019).

**ENJOY A CAREER THAT HELPS EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS**
JCU Pharmacy graduates are well equipped with the skills to make a difference and work in any setting including regional, rural, remote, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities. Graduates may also discover opportunities to support humanitarian activities around the globe with Defence agencies and the World Health Organisation.

**GAIN TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**
Pharmacy is a fantastic foundational degree that provides sound chemistry and biology underpinnings. You will also develop a strategic mindset that prepares you well for the role of health service manager.

**HONE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
Unlike what many people would expect, sometimes pharmacy can involve very little dispensing of medicines and more of an educational and instructional role. For example, hospital pharmacists often find themselves educating their patients about the use of medicines to empower them to manage their condition at home.
“JCU is leagues above in terms of placement hours, we lot gets of experience. On the rural placement I have been able to see and visit the most amazing places. You work during the day but you get to enjoy different locations after hours and on weekends. It has been really fantastic!”

Emma Dall’Alba
BACHELOR OF PHARMACY
Career Opportunities

There is a strong demand for pharmacists in northern and rural/remote Australia. Highly skilled and trained in all aspects of contemporary and future pharmacy practice, JCU Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) graduates are in demand by employers.

You will have a range of exciting career opportunities including hospital and community pharmacy, pharmacy practice management, government health services and regulatory bodies, defence force and the pharmaceutical industries.

Be equipped with the skills to work in any setting, ranging from metropolitan cities to the outback and the remotest of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

With further study, you could pursue a career in clinical research and university teaching or even work overseas.

“JCU Pharmacy has produced today’s brightest pharmacy minds and most influential leaders, but you won’t just find our graduates leading national debate, policy development or running very senior health service portfolios. They are also making a big difference for patients. This is partly because we attract passionate and clever students and partly because we have great educators who are able to teach in small groups and have the experience to apply theory to authentic pharmacy problems. That’s what makes it so popular with our students and one of the best pharmacy programs in the country. Combined with our applied research focus, our graduates are well rounded and highly sought after. Come to JCU Pharmacy and you will get a great pharmacy education and be ready to take your place in the pharmacy profession.”

Associate Professor John Smithson
ACADEMIC HEAD OF PHARMACY
Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns, Townsville and Mackay are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia. Living on campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. With five difference accommodation options at JCU Townsville, housing over 1,200 students, and a new complex for 300 students at JCU Cairns, living on campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself into the JCU culture.

All rooms at our on-campus Townsville and Cairns residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more about accommodation in Townsville and Cairns [jcu.edu.au/accommodation](jcu.edu.au/accommodation).

Students living in Mackay can choose from the JCU Mackay Student Residential College or the JCU Mackay Base Hospital Student Accommodation. Both sites are fully airconditioned and offer a private, lockable room with shared kitchen, bathrooms and lounge area. If you like the idea of communal living and having the benefit of peer support, then both sites offer this. Find out more about student accommodation in Mackay at [jcu.edu.au/accommodation/mackay-accommodation](jcu.edu.au/accommodation/mackay-accommodation).