

PHARMACY

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Opportunities await in the ever-evolving field of Pharmacy

Pharmacists are key members of any healthcare team, impacting patient well-being through their expertise in medication and patient counselling. Beyond traditional roles, pharmacy graduates can explore avenues in community or hospital pharmacies, the pharmaceutical industry, R&D, regulatory affairs or even pursue careers in academia. The curriculum is benchmarked to international standards and the standards of Pharmacy Board Malaysia and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency. Its adoption of a comprehensive variety of delivery methods, experiential learning and industry collaboration has proven to empower and equip students for a fulfilling career in healthcare.

Degree / Duration

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) (IMU)
4 years

Degree from Partner Universities
4 years

Commencement

Jul / Sep

Partner Universities

Australia



New Zealand



Assessment

The Pharmacy programme was the first outcome-based pharmacy degree to be developed in Malaysia. Assessments (formative and summative) such as practical, written tests, assignments and presentations are an integral part of BPharm's learning process. The IMU School of Pharmacy was also the first to use Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) to assess practice competency skills.

Career Pathways

A career in pharmacy is versatile and rewarding. Community pharmacists help clients select medicines through associated information and advice, and provide counsel in managing long-term conditions. In hospital settings, clinical pharmacists work in partnership with doctors, deciding on best medicines and optimal doses to ensure maximum efficacy with zero to minimal side effects. In industry settings, pharmacists specialise in the development and manufacturing of medicines.

Career Paths



In order to work with the Malaysian public sector, a credit in SPM Bahasa Malaysia is required. International students are advised to check with the professional bodies for internship/practising opportunities.

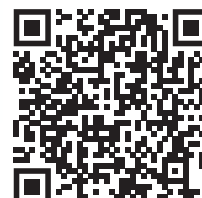
Opportunities for Pharmacist

1	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication therapy management Prescription screening Medicine dispensing, counselling and advisory Procurement manager Health screening Public health promotion
2	Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical research Regulatory affairs Pharmaceutical quality assurance Quality control Product development (R&D) Pharmaceutical manufacturing Pharmaceutical sales and marketing Pharmaceutical distribution Pharmaceutical product management Analytical method development Herbal medicine research / development Biotechnology Biosimilar / Bioequivalence
3	Entrepreneur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail pharmacy Pharmaceutical manufacturing Clinical research Pharmaceutical distribution / wholesale Consultancy Supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients / excipients
4	Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical pharmacy Therapeutic drug monitoring Parenteral nutrition pharmacy Cytotoxic drug reconstitution pharmacy Inpatient / Outpatient pharmacy Nuclear pharmacy Drug information services
5	Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory affairs Drug enforcement division Public health promotion Pharmacy practice and development
6	Academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching (usually requires postgraduate Master or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Drug discovery / development research Pharmaceutical / Medical science research
7	Malaysian Armed Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Military pharmacy (RMDC) Military peace keeping operations Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief

Our Alumni

Our alumni have embarked on diverse and promising career paths across various industries. Our graduates are a true testament to the versatility of their education, as they continue to excel in a wide range of professional healthcare fields. Scan the QR code to see where our graduates are today.

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Programme Structure

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Pharmaceutical Organic Chemistry Biological Science General Pharmacology Information Acquisition & Analysis Pharmacy & Healthcare I	Medicinal Chemistry Microbiology for Pharmacists Formulation Science The Gastrointestinal System Pharmacy & Healthcare II	Pharmaceutics I Pharmaceutical Analysis The Respiratory System The Cardiovascular & Renal Systems Compounding Pharmacy	The Musculoskeletal System Pharmaceutics II The Endocrine & Reproductive Systems Haematology & Immunology Infectious Disease Medicine Dispensing & Counselling
Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
Pharmaceutics III Complementary Medicines The Nervous System Community Pharmacy Pharmacy Jurisprudence & Entrepreneurship Selective*	Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Clinical Pharmacokinetics Cancer Clinical Pharmacy I Current Trends & Critical Appraisal Public Health Pharmacy Research Methodology	Research Project I Research Project II Industrial Placement Elective	Community Pharmacy Placement Hospital Pharmacy Placement Clinical Pharmacy II

*Selective Modules:

1 Cosmeceuticals

2 Radiopharmacy

3 Veterinary Pharmacy

4 Traditional Chinese Medicine

5 Introduction to Healthcare Data Analytics

6 Digital Health Applications

Curriculum is reviewed periodically and subject to change.

MPU modules are compulsory, imposed by the Ministry of Higher Education under the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555). Every student must pass all modules as a prerequisite for the awarding of the degree.

Programme Fees

Fees Overview

Fee	Amount (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Application Fee	150	500
Registration Fee	850	2,000
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000

Application fee is payable upon submission of application • Registration fee and refundable caution deposit are payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office • As stipulated by the Malaysian Ministry of Education, international students are required to pay Student Visa Application fee of RM2,500 AND personal bond (depending on nationality) upon registration • International students will also be required to pay Student Visa Renewal fee every year • Students must adhere to the "Policy on Payment of Fees" • All students are required to pay Student Association Fees of RM40 per semester • All tuition and ancillary fees are subject to annual increases, currency exchange rates, and exclusive of levy and bridging fees (if any) • Application fee and Registration fee is non refundable • All students who are applying for the National Higher Education Fund (NHEF) loans are required to pay their semester fees in FULL by the due date stated in the invoice.

Tuition Fees

	Total Duration (years)	At International Medical University (IMU)						At Partner University (PU)		
		Years	Total Semesters	Tuition Fee				Estimated Tuition Fees at Partner University		
				Malaysian Student		International Student		Years	Total Semesters	Tuition Fee Per Year
				Per Semester	Per Year	Per Semester	Per Year			
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) (IMU)	4	4	8	26,000	52,000	27,000	54,000	-	-	-
Credit Transfer to University of Otago Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	4	2	4	26,000	52,000	27,000	54,000	2	4	NZD 46,616
Credit Transfer to University of Tasmania# Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	4	2	4	26,000	52,000	27,000	54,000	2	4	AUD 35,950

#Students who opt for credit transfer to University of Tasmania are required to complete additional modules.

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