



Echuca Regional Health Internship (Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern Program)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The guide below has been developed to assist prospective interns to tailor their applications for Internship.

Echuca Regional Health Internship – Victoria Rural Generalist Intern Program (Loddon Mallee Pathway) – What’s the difference?

For those applicants who are interested in the Rural Generalist pathway in the Loddon Mallee Region, internship at Echuca Regional Health is a preferred option as it allows direct ongoing learning in the PGY2 and above years

For those applicants who do not wish to pursue Rural Generalist Training (or do not know yet), an internship at Echuca Regional Health can be a “stand alone” year with extensive and in-depth learning opportunities which provide a strong underpinning for further training in any specialty.

There is no difference in the application process. Your personal preference (or lack thereof) can and should be elaborated in your cover letter.

How many positions will be available in the Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern program for the 2021 Clinical year?

There are 5 Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern positions for 2021. Application for these positions is through PMCV and the Echuca Regional Health website.

What rotations are available in 2021?

Interns need to complete three core rotations: Emergency, General Medicine and General Surgery; plus an additional two rotations to make up 47 weeks of supervised practice. The non-core rotations are RAP (Rehabilitation/Aged Care /Palliative Care) at ERH, and General Practice at Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice.

Will all my core rotations be completed at Echuca Regional Health?

All Interns will complete their core Emergency, General Medicine and General Surgery rotations at Echuca Regional Health.

How do I apply for a Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern position?

Applications must be made via our online recruitment system:

<https://erh.mercury.com.au/>

What do I have to attach to my application?

Your application should include the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (Use standardised PMCV template with passport photo)
- Cover Letter (Make sure you address your reason for applying to ERH)
- Academic results- if you are not from Melbourne, Monash Notre Dame or Deakin Universities

Applications should be addressed to Medical Workforce Unit.

What selection criteria will be used?

ERH will use the 2021 PMCV Intern selection criteria, to assess your application for an intern position, based on: Cover letter

- Curriculum Vitae
- Academic results (Z score)
- Video interview questions

Will interviews be conducted?

No interviews will be conducted for 2021 Intern positions.

When can I take my Annual Leave?

All Interns are entitled to five weeks of annual leave. Two weeks will be rostered during your General Practice term, and you will have opportunity to preference when to take this. The remaining weeks are paid out at the end of intern year.

Will I do night duty?

Interns are not rostered for night duty at ERH.

What about orientation?

Echuca Regional Health runs a week-long comprehensive orientation program prior to commencing your first clinical shift. The program provides a comprehensive introduction to;

- ERH services
- Mandatory training
- Deteriorating patient training
- Payroll/rostering
- Advanced Life Support Training
- Experiencing "a day in the life of an Intern"

The program allows significant time to shadow outgoing interns, and receive specific on-the-job training.

There is also a pre-orientation gathering of all Interns, held in September, to get to know each other and the facilities.

What Intern Education is available?

ERH offers a variety of educational activities for the Interns, including participation in:

- Weekly protected education time
- Formal and structured learning activities
- Fortnightly simulation program
- Participation in the Grand Rounds
- Clinical Audits
- Multi-disciplinary sessions
- Case-based presentations
- Small group learning opportunities

What support options are available?

Echuca Regional Health offers a wide range of support options. These include Employee Assistance Program (EAP), access to GP's and pastoral care support. Each rotation has a nominated term supervisor and associated staff who provide support to Interns.

Medical Workforce Unit and Support includes;

Director of Clinical Training: Dr Kathryn (Kate) Schultz

Medical Workforce Unit Manager: Sidd Jyothi

Medical Workforce Unit Coordinator: Leaine Forbes

Director of Education: Dr Catherine Lees

Medical Education Officer: Kate Carlile

Executive Director Medical Services: Dr Glenn Howlett

What about life after Internship?

Please visit ERH website for more information about the Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern Program and the career pathway options available beyond Internship <https://erh.org.au/>

How does the PMCV matching process work?

A candidate's guide is available on PMCV website <https://pmcv.com.au>

Can I organise a tour of Echuca Regional Health?

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no hospital tours are available. We have a virtual tour available on our website.