

Faculty of Pharmacy Learning and Teaching Strategic Plan 2007-2010

Only the elements relating specifically to learning and teaching and the student experience have been included below, please refer to the Faculty of Pharmacy Strategic Plan 2007-2010 for the complete list of Strategic Goals.

Our Aspiration

The Faculty of Pharmacy is the pre-eminent Australian centre of professional education and research training in pharmacy. We aspire to the University's 1:5:40 target: to retain our premier position within Australia, to be within the top five centres in the Asia Pacific and within the best 40 centres, globally, of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences education, research and innovation, and to be an outstanding provider of service to both the profession and to the wider community.

Our Faculty will develop research and facilitate learning to foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and to prepare Pharmacy graduates to be ethical and effective change agents in leading the transformation of health care for the future. This will be achieved through research-led teaching, supported by outstanding staff and through collaboration across disciplines within the University, particularly within the Faculties of Health. We will benchmark our activities with equivalent institutions in Australia, Asia, North America and Europe to contribute to the University's goal of 1:5:40.

Learning and Teaching

Strategic Goal: *To consolidate and extend our position as Australia's leading provider of undergraduate and postgraduate professional education and research training in pharmacy*

- Develop and articulate research-led teaching to engage students in life-long knowledge discovery and creation.
 - Increase the Scholarship Index funds by 10% each year.
- Develop and implement programs of inter-professional education, linking pharmacy with other professional disciplines in the Faculties of Health.
 - Embed Inter-Professional Learning in Years 1 and 4 of new curriculum with Year 1 being implemented in 2008 and Year 4 in 2011.
- Develop and sustain specialist options to allow graduates to pursue a range of careers within the health sector.
 - Ensure flexibility of Year 4, Semester 2 of the new curriculum to facilitate an enhanced Advanced Program for implementation in 2011.
 - Provide an opportunity for rural specialisation by 2011.
- Develop and implement programs promoting knowledge and understanding of international, rural and indigenous health issues and systems.
 - Integrate international, rural and indigenous health issues in the new curriculum

- o commencing with Year 1 in 2008, with full implementation by 2011.
 - o Encourage and promote international exchange and placement options in the new curriculum with full implementation by 2011.
- Develop and implement a variety of innovative and flexible learning options.
 - o Develop a series of e-learning modules to be used in conjunction with traditional teaching methods (e.g. for students on extended rural placements, virtual placements) by 2008.
 - o Develop a series of short videos demonstrating techniques for practical classes, with at least one video being produced by 2010.
 - o Develop interactive videos for pre-lab talks to assist students in prework and to assist demonstrators in giving their own pre-lab talks, with at least one video being produced by 2010.

The Student Experience

Strategic Goal: *To provide improved facilities and service to enhance the student experience*

- Improve student satisfaction through provision of physical facilities and technical resources for learning, teaching, research and innovation, which meet the highest Australian standards for safety, efficiency, comfort and convenience.
 - o Refurbish the Dispensing Laboratory by 2009.
 - o Increase Problem-based Learning (PBL) teaching spaces by two 54 seat rooms by 2009.
- Maximise opportunities for student self-development through specialist options, student international exchange programs, the talented students program, Pharmaceutical industry placements and support for Pharmacy student bodies.
 - o Increase the number of students participating in international exchange programs by at least 1 student per year.
 - o Increase the number of industry placements by at least 1 place per year.
- Develop and improve processes for identifying, selecting and attracting a diverse range of outstanding students locally, nationally and internationally.
 - o Develop a combined MPhil and BPharm program by 2010.

Effective Management

Strategic Goal: *To provide management support to enhance our performance in all areas of academic endeavour.*

- Apply principles of sustainable work procedures to all aspects of our working environment.
 - o By 2008, increase to 100%, the number of new teaching appointees (below Level D) attending the ITL program "Principles & Practice of University Teaching and

Learning”, unless the appointee already holds a relevant qualification.