











# THE PHARMACY INDUSTRY

A STUDENTS' GUIDE

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# National Australian Pharmacy Students Association (NAPSA)



## About NAPSA

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) is the peak representative body for pharmacy students in Australia. We are a not-for-profit organisation that represents the interests of all pharmacy students in the 19 pharmacy schools located around Australia, providing a range of services and

supporting our members and local branches. NAPSA works to promote the pharmacy profession to the public through our involvement in policy development and advocacy, helping to shape the future of the profession. We are committed to promoting and providing professional development opportunities for our members, including networking, leadership and advocacy training, and opportunities to participate in national and international events.

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## Membership Perks:

- Discounted compulsory textbooks (AMH)
- National Advocacy
- Opportunities to represent students on a larger scale
- Scholarships to conferences, placements and other opportunities
- Congress – a student conference for networking and educational event
- Access to research publication opportunities through the Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal
- Increased awareness for charitable initiatives through blood drive/Charity Cup
- International exchange programs
- Keep up to date with the industry

**Join your local NAPSA Branch TODAY**

**<https://www.napsa.org.au/how-to-join/>**



# Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA)

## About PSA



Every pharmacist needs someone in their corner – fighting for their profession on issues they can't fight alone. PSA is the national

Peak Body for Australia's 37,000+ pharmacists, bringing together every pharmacist from every sector and connecting them with the resources and professional development they need to succeed. Through proactive advocacy, PSA ensures pharmacy will remain a rewarding and enjoyable career into the future. <https://www.psa.org.au/about/about-psa/>

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## Membership Perks:

- Access to Australian Pharmacist e-magazine and a fortnightly newsletter
- Discounts on clinical resources such as the Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary (APF) and self-care cards
- Access to PSA's 350+ online continuing professional development (CPD) courses/webinars and a resource to track your CPD points
- Real-Time guidance from PSA's Pharmacist Advice Line (<https://www.psa.org.au/practice-support-industry/pharmacist-advice-line/>)
- Savings on events such as: PSA's National Conference and Annual Therapeutic Updates
- Professional recognition - being able to nominate/be nominated for PSA Awards, Fellowship and Life Membership
- Being able to nominate and vote in branch committee and board elections

**Join PSA through your NAPSA branch or**  
**[https://www.psa.org.au/psa\\_membership/](https://www.psa.org.au/psa_membership/)**

# The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (PGA)



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## The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

all Australians. There are over 5,800 community pharmacies equitably distributed around Australia.

The core role of the Guild is to represent the interests of Members in industrial matters in the Fair Work Commission and state jurisdictions as well as providing local member support and advice regarding workplace relations matters.

## About PGA

Formed in 1927, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild) is a peak national employer organisation, which represents Australia's community pharmacies.

Community pharmacies are a vital part of our national health system with the potential to make an even bigger contribution to the health of

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## Membership Perks:

- Free entry to the Australian Pharmacy Professional (APP) Conference (<https://appconference.com/>) and Pharmacy Connect Conference (<https://pharmacyconnectcomau.wordpress.com/>)
- Free Australasian Pharmacy Subscription (<https://www.guild.org.au/australasianpharmacy>)
- Quarterly Student Newsletter: Rx Roundup (<https://www.guild.org.au/membership/early-career-pharmacist-hub/rx-roundup>)
- Scholarship and competition opportunities

**Join PGA through your NAPSA Branch or**

**[https://pharmacyguild.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e4lubsPCMd8suyh](https://pharmacyguild.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e4lubsPCMd8suyh)**

# Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (PDL)



## About PDL

As Australia's first national pharmacy body, PDL (Pharmaceutical Defence Limited) was established in 1912 by pharmacists, for pharmacists. Now, over 110 years on, we are still holistically owned by our pharmacist members and are dedicated to supporting them throughout their professional life.

They provide Professional Indemnity (PI) insurance that is tailored to individual pharmacists, 24/7 incident support and risk management advice. We are a not-for-profit organisation and support over 32,000 members from across the profession.

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## Membership Perks:

- Market Leading Professional Indemnity Insurance
- 24/7 Incident Support from Pharmacist Professional Officers
- Practice Alerts delivered to you
- Student Grant Program
- FREE Australian Journal of Pharmacy subscription

**Join PDL through your NAPSA Branch or**  
**<https://pdl.org.au/membership/>**

# PDL's Student Grant Program

PDL Student Grant Program

Apply now for a 2025 Student Grant!



The grants program was established to help Australian pharmacy students broaden their education by attending a professional pharmacy conference. There are three grants available at a value of up to **\$5,000AUD each.**

The funds contribute to event registration, travel, accommodation and meal expenses. This 2025 program offers five recognised conferences to choose from:

- Life Long Learning in Pharmacy Conference, 7-10 July, Sydney
- PSA national conference, 1-3 August, Sydney
- Pharmacy Connect, 3-5 September, Sydney
- AdPha Medicines Management, 27-29 November, Melbourne
- APP26 Conference, 12-14 March, Gold Coast

Winner of a 2024 grant Yannee Liu recommends students apply for a grant because it allows them to connect with the profession. "The PDL student grant provides an invaluable and unique opportunity for pharmacy students to connect with industry professionals and thought leaders from across the country,"

To be eligible for a grant, students must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate pharmacy course at an Australian university and be a PDL member. Students can submit an online application for one of three grants via the PDL member portal. Applications close on Sunday, 13 April 2025 at 11pm AEST.



# Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha)



## About AdPha

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) is the progressive voice of Australian pharmacists and technicians, built on 80 years of hospital innovation that puts people and patients first and provides lifelong support for members.

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## Membership Perks:

- Free and discounted access to CPD
  - 20% savings on all national seminars and discounted registration for Branch symposia
  - **FREE:** registration for Branch webinars, access to self-paced education via Online CPD and registration to annual AdPha-NAPSA Student Symposium
  - Can register for Medicines Management, AdPha's annual conference
- Leadership + Innovation
  - Publish your research via the Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal (APSJ), supported by AdPha
  - Publish your research experiences as a 'Research Reflection' in Pharmacy GRIT
- Specialty Practice: Join Specialty Practice Groups via Communities and build networks of peers via online communities
- Policy + Advocacy
  - Effect local-level change through AdPha Branch committees
  - Centralised access to policy and medicines submissions, position statements, practice updates and fact sheets
- Resources + Publications
  - FREE access to
    - thousands of full-text journal articles via EBSCOhost
    - high quality, evidence-based information via DynaMed
    - Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR) and GRIT
  - \$35 off the Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook
  - \$50 off Don't Rush to Crush

**Join AdPha here: <https://adpha.au/membership/joinrenew>**



# Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA)



## About APSA

The Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) is a professional association for individuals with an interest in the pharmaceutical sciences,

pharmacy practice, and pharmacy and pharmaceutical science education. The Association strives to promote and advance the study and application of the pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice and to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences between pharmaceutical scientists, pharmacy practice researchers, and pharmacy and pharmaceutical science education experts in Australasia. APSA aims to promote and foster early career researchers through dedicated symposia at our annual conferences. APSA is a member organisation of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), a global federation representing pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists worldwide.

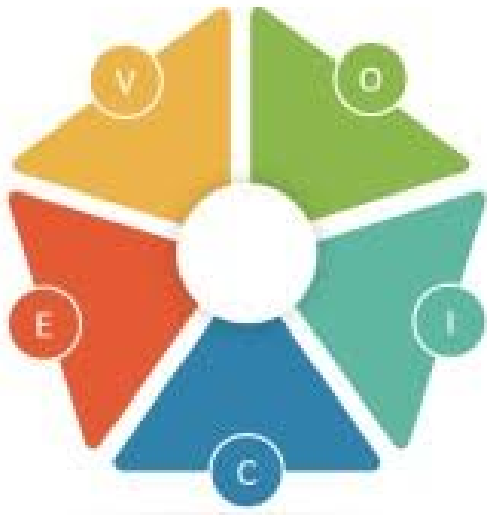
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## Membership Perks:

- Annual Conference Member Rates
- NAPSA x APSA Symposium (May 5th 2025!)
- Prizes and Awards
- Student Travel Grants
- Form connections with others in pharmaceutical science, pharmacy practice and education

Join APSA here: <https://www.apsa-online.org/membership/>

# Audirie



## About Audirie

Audirie is an online platform that uses Artificial Intelligence to build pharmacy counselling simulations for you to practice your counselling and job communication skills.



### Introducing: Audirie's AI Counselling Platform 🧠💡

This platform is here to help you practice and refine your clinical and communication skills with real-world, case-based simulations and personalized feedback. It's a game changer for your professional development—whether you're preparing for patient interactions, job interviews, or honing those essential skills. 🚀

Why should you be excited?

- Free access for all NAPSA members!
- Case-based training to practice clinical scenarios.
- Personalized feedback to boost your skills and confidence.
- 24/7 availability to train on your schedule.

Ready to get started? ✨

**Sign up here:**

**<https://www.audirieintelligence.com/napsa-register>**



## About LRNRX

At LRNRX is an education-on-the-go mobile app and website that empowers people in the pharmacy industry by providing practical, real-world pharmacy education designed for the fast-paced pharmacy environment.

LRNRX makes learning accessible and engaging, allowing you to enhance your knowledge without disrupting your workday.

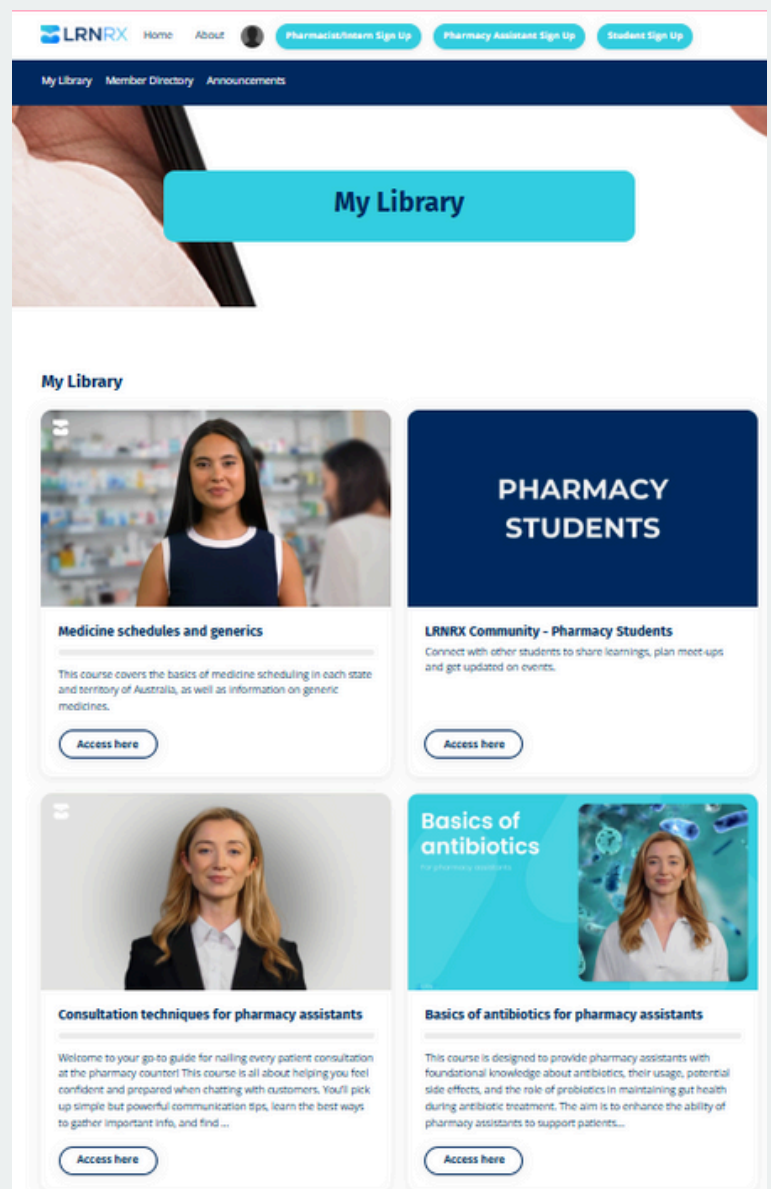
LRNRX's goal is to improve workplace and patient outcomes by integrating seamless learning into your daily routine.

## Why Sign Up?

- On-demand education
- Join the NAPSA community
- Watch NAPSA's webinar series LIVE and on-demand
- Keep up to date on the latest NAPSA meet-ups

Sign up here:

<https://www.lrnrx.com.au/offers/LiyuncsD/checkout>



# Australian Pharmacy Council (APC)



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pharmacy  
council®

## About APC

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) is the national accreditation authority for pharmacy education and training. They do this under

the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) working with the Pharmacy Board of Australia and Ahpra.

We're an independent, not-for-profit company.

Our work protects public health by setting and maintaining high standards of pharmacy education.

We help pharmacists deliver effective health care to meet our community's changing needs. The APC focuses on pharmacy education and standards.

Their main functions are:

- assessing pharmacists
- accrediting programs and organisations
- developing standards

## Importance:

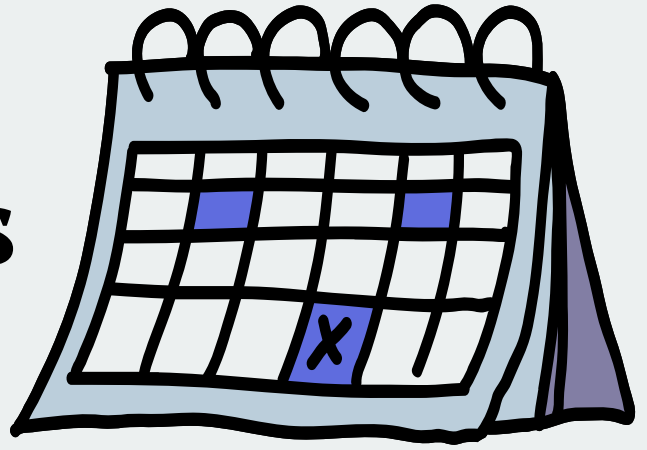
The APC ensures high-quality education and training. They accredit pharmacy programs and checks the skills of pharmacists to make sure they are ready to work. The APC also encourages continuous learning and helps students prepare for a successful career in pharmacy.

## Get Involved - IPE Colloquium - 13th May 2025 - Rydges Hotel, Melbourne

The IPE Colloquium™ is delivered by the APC. This one-day event aims to facilitate cross-disciplinary dialogue among health profession educators, policy makers, and students to discuss how we can shape the next generation of healthcare professionals through education and assessment.



# Industry Events



**JANUARY**

- **NAPSA CONGRESS,**  
2026 IN SYDNEY

**MARCH**  
(20TH - 23RD)

- **GUILD: APP, GOLD**  
COAST

**APRIL**  
(15TH)

- **NAPSA X ADPHA**  
SYMPOSIUM,  
ONLINE

**MAY**  
(5TH)

- **NAPSA X APSA**  
SYMPOSIUM,  
ONLINE

**MAY**  
(13TH)

- **APC: IPE**  
COLLOQUIUM,  
MELBOURNE

**AUGUST**  
(1ST - 3RD)

- **PSA CONFERENCE,**  
SYDNEY

**SEPTEMBER**  
(3RD - 5TH)

- **GUILD: PHARMACY**  
CONNECT, SYDNEY

**NOVEMBER**  
(27TH - 29TH)

- **ADPHA: MEDICINE**  
MANAGEMENT,  
MELBOURNE

**DECEMBER**  
(7TH - 10TH)

- **APSA**  
CONFERENCE,  
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PHARMACY STUDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION**



**UTSPA**  
UTS Pharmacy Association

**N A P S A**



The Queensland University of Technology Student Pharmacy Association

