

Epic Pharmacy to participate in inaugural SHPA Residency Training for Pharmacists

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Epic Pharmacy will be the first private sector pharmacy to be granted provisional accreditation to participate in the inaugural SHPA Residency Training for Pharmacists beginning 2017.

The Residency Training for Pharmacists program will be a national two year accredited program to support pharmacists in their foundation years. The program will help educate new graduates for an ever-changing healthcare industry and address a need to enhance capacity, capability and flexibility in the pharmacy workforce.

SHPA granted Epic Pharmacy provisional accreditation to participate in the program as they were impressed by Epic's experienced and active team, established quality audit activities, involvement in hospital committees, clinical governance and enthusiasm to support future residency programs.

Epic Pharmacy Hollywood, Western Australia, will be the first of the Epic sites to participate in the program. Epic Pharmacy Managing Partner (WA), Russell Hill, is excited to be involved.

"We are thrilled to be part of this program. Our Hollywood pharmacy is quite a large site with a strong medical focus. Our team are eager, experienced and well-equipped to help teach pharmacy graduates," he said.

"Epic is passionate about being at the forefront of innovation and this is another way we can help shape advances in healthcare."

Epic Pharmacy CEO Andrew Reid says their inclusion in SHPA's inaugural Residency Training program aligns with the company's commitment to providing continual professional development for pharmacists.

"As a private sector provider we are pleased to be given the opportunity to support the workforce transformation project of SHPA and be a part of the wider hospital pharmacy sector," he said.

"This program will create wonderful opportunities for junior pharmacists and will further promote and enhance experiential learning and ultimately continue to improve the quality of patient care."

The program will offer a broad range of practice based experiences for pharmacy residents across Australia.