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#### CAREERS

## Interested in a career in Pharmacy?

APPLY FOR AN
ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PHARMACY
SCHOLARSHIP TODAY!

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship aims to encourage Indigenous students to undertake studies in pharmacy at university.

There are also opportunities available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wanting to train as a Pharmacy Assistant or Technician through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Assistant Technician through the Aboriginal Assistant Technical Technical

For more information on either scheme go to www.guild.org.au and look under Programs or telephone the Rural and Professional team at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia on (02) 6270 1888.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme
and Pharmacy Assistant Traineeships
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#### **GOOD MEDICINE**

WANT TO PRESCRIBE YOURSELF A BRIGHT FUTURE? CONSIDER PHARMACY AS A CAREER.

 $\label{eq:section} \begin{tabular}{ll} Simone Liddy is a 21-year-old dynamo. She is currently in her fourth year of full-time study for a Bachelor of Pharmacy from Charles Darwin University (CDU), and also works part-time as a pharmacy assistant in two different jobs. \\ \end{tabular}$ 



"I can feel pretty tired at the end of the day," she says.
"But it's a good tired, you know? Because I know I've
spent my day learning new things and helping people."

As well as studying and working, Simone also represents the Northern Territory in hockey, and last year she became a rookle member of the Northern Territory Pearls in the Australian Hockey League. In recognition of all her hard work and achievements, Simone was last year named the 2007 NAIDOC Youth of the Year, and this year was named the Northern Territory Young Australian of the Year.

To further add to her list of achievements, when Simone graduates at the end of this year, she will become the first indigenous graduate in a CDU Bachelor of Pharmacy course, Pharmacy is an area that sees very few Indigenous professionals, and this is partly what drew Simone to this particular career path, but it also appealed to her for the simple reason that it's an exciting field.

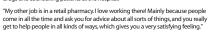
When I was in high school I really enjoyed chemistry and my science subjects," she says. "I liked the fact that they involved more than just sitting behind a desk—we got to move around and do interesting things, like experiments."

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As Simone can tell you, pharmacy involves a lot more than just counting tablets into a

jar Pharmacists ensure patients are given the correct medication at the correct dose for their condition and ensure they are counselled appropriately. Pharmacists have to have a full knowledge of a range of areas – everything from understanding how drugs work in the human body and their interactions with other drugs, food and herbal products to dealing with patients and offering them advice.

"My main job is a 12 week placement I'm required to complete each year at the Royal Darwin Hospital, as part of the cadetship that I received through the Northern Territory Department of Health," Simone says. "The services that we provide at the RDH Pharmacy include supplying medicines to the wards, sending orders to communities and supplying drugs and counselling patients at the hospital.



Before she graduates, Simone will also undertake four different placements, including working with a travelling pharmacist who visits remote Indigenous communities, to help her get a taste of one of the many different avenues she can pursue as a pharmacist.

"I haven't decided exactly what avenue I'm going to take up yet," she says."But whatever I do, I would like it to be in Darwin so I can give back to my community.'

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#### Preparation before reading.

Simone Liddy (21) was named 2007 NAIDOC Youth of the Year and 2008 NT Young Australian of the Year.

Juggling study, work and sport, Simone will soon be the first Indigenous graduate form the Bachelor of Pharmacy course form Charles Darwin University in Darwin, NT.

There were a lot of things that drew Simone to pharmacy as a career: she loves chemistry and science subjects; she enjoys learning about how drugs affect the body so she can make sure that correct doses are administered and she loves to work with people.

Simone will undertake four different placements before she graduates and is looking forward to working as a pharmacist in her community in Darwin.

1. Understanding what you read.

At which university does Simone Liddy study a Bachelor of Pharmacy?

What other interests does Simone have apart from studying?

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In what ways does Simone see pharmacy as an "exciting field"?		
What are some aspects of pharmacy that Simone is learning about	ut?	
What tasks will Simone undertake in her 12 week placement at R	oyal Darwin Hospital?	
2. Spelling.		
Re-read the text about pharmacy as a career.		
The spelling mistakes in the sentences below have been underlined.		
Write the correct spelling for each underlined word on the line no	ext to it.	
There are very few Indigenous <b>profesional</b> pharmacists.		
Pharmacy is an <b>exiting</b> career.		
Pharmacists make sure <b>pashents</b> are given the correct medication.		
Pharmacists <b>council</b> patients at the hospital.		

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	Each sentence below has one word that is spelled incorrectly.		
	Write the correct spelling of the word on the line next to it.		
	Simone's main job is a 12 week plasement.		
	It is part of a cadetship recieved through NT Department of Health.		
	Simone's other job is retail farmacy.		
	Simone likes to help people by giving them good advise.		
3	Grammar and punctuation.		
	Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?		
	Simone currently part-time as a pharmacy assistant in two different jobs.		
	worked works working has worked		
	Last year Simone a rookie member of the NT Pearls in the Australian Hockey		
	League.		
	becomes becoming became has become		

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In this sentence, "rookie member" means				
	veteran player.			
	first season player.			
	first game player.			
	second season player.			
Simone says, "I'd like to be in Darwin so I can give back to my community."				
Why is there an apostrophe in "I'd"?				
	a word is missing.			
	it indicates ownership.			
	some letters are missing.			
	it shows the word is plural.			
In this sentence,				
I'd like to be in Darwin so I can give back to my community,				
the word <i>community</i> is				
	a noun.			
	an adjective.			
	an adverb.			

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4. Writing a narrative.

The idea for your narrative is Being a good role model.

Most people look up to role models in careers, sport, and in the community. However, being a good role model isn't always easy.

Think of a situation where someone is trying to be a good role model.

Think about:

- Who are the characters and where are they?
- What is the complication or problem to be solved?

• Check and edit your writing when you have finished.

• How will the problem be resolved?

Remember to:

- Plan your story before you start.
- Write in sentences.
- Pay attention to the words you choose, your spelling and punctuation.

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