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Fast Track your way to a career in Pharmacy

This summer, the University of Tasmania's School of Pharmacy will be offering a unit of study that can reduce the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from four years in length to three.

The unit, Transition to Pharmacy Practice, is available to people who have undertaken science-related study at a tertiary level.

The unit will build on knowledge already gained through study of Chemistry and Human Biology and will develop pharmacy-specific skills and expertise equivalent to that learnt in first year Bachelor of Pharmacy.

Dr Luke Bereznicki, Acting Head of the UTAS School of Pharmacy, hopes the unit will offer more opportunities for people looking for a change in direction.

"With this unit, we are hoping to make it easier for people to consider a career in pharmacy," said Dr Bereznicki.

"Students might have already undertaken foundation level sciences. Rather than make them complete an entire year to bring their pharmacy skills up to speed, we've condensed the content and will teach it in an intensive five week block that includes one week in the middle to consolidate learning."

The course, which starts in January 2014, will see eligible students complete two weeks of online study and two weeks of practical training at the Sandy Bay campus.

Upon successful completion students will be able to enter second year Pharmacy, reducing their degree from four years to three.

For more information on the course, please visit www.utas.edu.au/pharmacy or contact the School of Pharmacy on (03) 6226 2190.

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