

Nambour Hospital

Welcome to the Sunshine Coast Wide Bay Region where your exciting medical career begins and a great lifestyle awaits.

If it is hands on experience you want you've got it, if it is smaller consultant to intern ratio you want you've got it and if it is high clinical exposure you want, you've got that to. Add to that a great lifestyle and you've got a package that is hard to beat.

Nambour is an acute tertiary hospital servicing a local population of about 313,000 people. It's busy, it's in the middle of a dynamic and growing region and it's a great place to work. Nambour Hospital is located on the Sunshine Coast about 1 hour north from Queensland's state capital Brisbane. Nambour Hospital enjoys a fine reputation as a clinical teaching facility. The University of Queensland Sunshine Coast Clinical School of Medicine is also on site.

Director of Internal Medicine – Dr David Smalberger

Hello my name is Dr David Smalberger, I am the Director of Internal Medicine at Nambour General Hospital. We will offer a use of three to four rotations of general medicine, surgery and emergency department. In addition, you will also be offered with patients in obstetrics and gynecology, anesthesia, pediatrics, oncology, neurology and orthopedic surgery. Nambour General Hospital has always been a popular training facility for interns. The main reason is that it is a unique blend of metropolitan hospital and rural hospital. We will offer consultant to intern ratio of 1 to 1 and you will have adequate opportunity to meet and examine patients without having to stand in line at the back of the line. You will be able to see a wide range of pathology and be able to work in general units as well as specialised units which provides opportunity to experience a wide range of pathology and investigation and treatment.

JHO - Nella

Hi, I am Nella Willburn and I am a JHO here at Nambour Hospital and I spent my internship here at Nambour as well.

JHO - Mark

Hi, I am Mark Tremer, I am also a JHO at Nambour, I did my internship here and have stayed for another year so far. So I think we have both very much enjoyed our time here so far,

Nambour is a great place to work. It has a very friendly working environment where people are very approachable and easy to work with compared to what I have experience at some of the bigger hospitals.

JHO - Nella

The teaching here at Nambour is quite good, you again with smaller amount of teams, you get good teaching on your ward rounds and also there is protected teaching time each week that is pager free and is awesome.

JHO - Mark

Yeah absolutely, and another really good thing is that we have a relatively small hierarchy here, so what that means for the junior doctor, is that you get to do a lot of stuff compared to other places where you may be fourth in line to do a procedure like a lumbar puncture, or paracentesis or chest drain, you are more likely to be the one doing it with a bit of help from your Registrar.

Nambour hospital has a 24 hour library giving you access to over 8000 online journals, 500 online books and over 100 online databases. The library is located in a purpose built facility within the Education Hub of the new state of the art 96 bed ward block. The new ward block includes a purpose built respiratory and infectious diseases ward, acute stroke neurology and medical services, a purpose built pediatric ward antenatal and pediatric clinics, acute geriatrics and also geriatrics services, an expanded specialist outpatient clinic, new doctors offices and a lounge area, meeting rooms and clinical training rooms.

Dr Laxmi Camadoo, Pediatric Specialist

Working at Nambour Hospital provides an excellent opportunity to work as part of a general pediatric team where you get to see a good broad, interesting mix of cases from acute to chronic conditions and emanates all the way to adults.

Intern - Kate

Hi Med Students, I am Kate and I am an intern at Nambour Hospital.

Intern - Nick

Giddy, I am Nick and I am one of the other interns at Nambour as well.

Intern - Kate

So Nick, why did you want to come to Nambour?

Intern - Nick

Nambour was always high on my list of preferences for the allocations of the intern year and it had a great name throughout the south east so I was a UQ student and obviously going to uni in Brisbane and doing a few terms up at Nambour as well. It was a great place and always had a great name for education, and a great name for teaching. There are lots of different pathology on the coast, it might seem like it's one of the smaller hospital but you do see a lot of different things. You always get the common things up here as well but if you show a little enthusiasm the bosses are extremely enthusiastic.

Intern - Kate

I guess as Nick said we are a smaller hospital up here, which means we have a really good supportive environment. We have an RMO society where we organise an event every term. We have a social function whether it is a cruise, or barefoot bowls or a ball once a year, it's very very social, very well supported. There is a great team environment on all the rotations whether it's medicine or surgery or emergency and as Nick said we get to see everything up here. We are removed from the city so we get a bit of the rural life and the rural pathology which comes in and we are far enough away to be able to deal with it here rather than sending it all down to Brisbane.

Interns can also choose placement at Bundaberg and Hervey Bay Hospital, about three to four hours north of Nambour. Both hospitals offer a different clinical experience, the low consultant intern ratio allows you to gain skills and knowledge first hand, while interns gets all the supervision they require. One of the big attractions is applying your clinical knowledge in a practical and community setting.

The friendly and approachable staff go out of their way to ensure your internship year is one you will remember for all the right reasons. You will feel part of the excitement, living and working in a region that is growing and dynamic. Whether you are at Bundaberg, Hervey Bay or on Sunshine Coast you have a great lifestyle waiting right on your doorstep.

Steve Cavadell, Chair of the Steering Committee

I am Steve Cavadell, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Scenario Base Learning Centre here at Nambour on the Sunshine Coast. We aim to encourage a program of reinforced learning over several years. We also aim to provide a team approach, a familiarity in working with all members of the healthcare team.

Intern - Kate

Sunshine Coast Wide Bay where your career begins and a great lifestyle awaits. So come and be a part of our future.