



# GENERAL PAEDIATRICS

## The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become a Paediatrician, you will need to apply for fellowship with [The Royal Australasian College of Physicians](https://www.racp.edu.au). Fellowship is a 6-year (full time) training pathway consisting of 3 years (full time) Basic Training in Paediatrics and Child Health followed by 3 years (full time) Advanced Training in General Paediatrics.

Basic	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b>  (Years 1, 2 & 3 are interchangeable. 12 months placement per site under the allocated network).	Core Training: • Minimum 24 months (full time) required rotations  Required training (including a minimum of 9 months general paediatric medicine; 3 months paediatric emergency medicine; 3 months neonatology in a perinatal unit; and 3 months in a paediatric medical specialty)
Basic	<b>Year 3</b>	Non-core Training: Maximum 12 months
Advanced	<b>Years 4 &amp; 5</b>	Advanced Training: 24 months (full time) core training including: • 12 months general paediatrics (of which 6 of these months is in rural training and 6 months is with a perinatal component) • 6 months acute training • 6 months community/development training
Advanced	<b>Year 6</b>	Non-core Training: 12 months full time

## Entry requirements/pre-requisites

### Basic Training:

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Completion of PGY2. Earliest entry into Basic Training is in PGY3.
- Secured employment in an appropriate Basic Training position.
- Approval to apply for Basic Training from the hospital Director of Physician Education (DPE).

### Advanced Training:

- Completion of RACP Basic Paediatrics Training is a pre-requisite to commencing Advanced Training.
- Secured employment in an appropriate Advanced Training position.

## Regional Training Hub Southern Queensland

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### Useful contacts and links

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Medi-Nav: <https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au>

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians: <https://www.racp.edu.au/become-a-physician>

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians Paediatrics & Child Health 2019 Handbook: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/paediatrics-child-health>

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians General Paediatrics 2019 Handbook: [https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/at-general-paediatrics-handbook-2019-20.pdf?sfvrsn=a0c4071a\\_8](https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/at-general-paediatrics-handbook-2019-20.pdf?sfvrsn=a0c4071a_8)

Queensland Basic Paediatric Training Network: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/basic-paediatric>

Queensland General Paediatric Advanced Training Program: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/advanced-paediatric>

Australian Medical Association Careers Pathway Guide: <https://ama.com.au/careers/pathways/select>

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: <https://hwd.health.gov.au/webapi/customer/documents/factsheets/2016/Paediatrics%20&%20child%20health%20data.pdf>



## Application and selection process – [how to apply](#)

The [Queensland Basic Paediatric Training Network](#) applies to all 1st and 2nd year basic paediatric trainees seeking an appointment in Queensland. Applicants will first need to apply for the Queensland Basic Paediatric Training Network. The Network comprises of 4 rotations consisting of metropolitan and regional training hospitals, through which the trainees rotate to complete the requirements of the college. Trainees will be asked to nominate a hospital preference once they have been notified of their successful network application. Employment contracts will be arranged by the facility where the trainee commences network training through the [RMO Campaign](#).

Applicants can secure an Advanced Training position at an accredited training site by applying through the [RMO Campaign](#) to the [Queensland General Paediatric Advanced Training Network](#). The pathway offers an optional 2-year program which allows trainees to meet all core requirements for general paediatric advanced training with the RACP, including the community/development component.

## Program requirements

Paediatrics and Child Health Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/paediatrics-child-health>

General Paediatrics Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/general-paediatrics>

## Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There are currently 7 Paediatric registrar positions in Toowoomba\*.

**\*Position data valid as at May 2019.**

The following table outlines the General Paediatrics pathway and which components the Toowoomba Hospital is accredited for:

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY		Basic Training (months)	Advanced Training (months)	Total Years Training	Earliest year of entry into program	BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM				Required or optional rotations (months)
							Paediatrics required rotations - 24 months				
							General Paediatric rotation (minimum months required)	Paediatric Emergency Medicine rotation (minimum months required)	Neonatology rotation in a perinatal unit (minimum months required)	Paediatric medical specialty rotation (minimum months required)	
RACP	GENERAL PAEDIATRICS - Basic General Paediatric Training	Level Teaching Hospital	36	36	6	PGY3	9	3	3	3	12
	Toowoomba Hospital	Secondment (Maximum 12 months training)					✓				✓ (3 months)

ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM												
Core Training - 24 months												
COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Advanced Training (months)	Maximum total core training time allowed (months)	General Paediatrics				Community / Development Training (months)	Acute Care (NICU & PICU) (months)	Non Core Training (months)		
				General Paediatrics (Rural) with a perinatal component (months)	or	Combination of 2x 6 month rotations covering Perinatal and Rural requirements						
						General Paediatrics (Rural) with a perinatal component (months)	General Paediatrics (Rural) without a perinatal component (months)				General Paediatrics with a perinatal component (months)	General Paediatrics without a perinatal component (months)
RACP	QLD Advanced Paediatric Training Pathway	36	24	12		6	6	6	6	6	12	
	Toowoomba Hospital			✓								✓

## Map your Paediatrics training pathway in Southern Queensland

**Basic Training:** Network trainees will be allocated to a single rotation for the duration of their training. Trainees will be pre-allocated 3 x 12 month training placements at the hospitals within the rotation for the duration of their network training. There are 4 training networks within Queensland: Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation, Townsville Hospital Rotation, Townsville Hospital Rotation including Royal Darwin Hospital and the Gold Coast University Hospital Rotation.

Toowoomba Hospital forms part of the Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation. Hospitals in this network include: Queensland Children’s Hospital, Bundaberg Hospital, Caboolture Hospital, Cairns Hospital, Hervey Bay Hospital, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mackay Base Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, Redland Hospital, Rockhampton Hospital, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital and **Toowoomba Hospital**.

**Advanced Training:** Trainees will be allocated to a single rotation for the duration of their 2 year pathway. Non-core Training (i.e. 3rd year) is independently sourced allowing flexibility for trainees to tailor their final year according to their specific educational and career interests.

Each rotation will include secondment to other accredited hospitals for specific components of core training - including general paediatric terms at both outer metropolitan and regional hospitals. All rotations will include at least 6 months in a rural or regional site.

Trainees can nominate their preference for the locations of their core training terms within the 2 year pathway.

There are 3 advanced training networks which are the Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation, the Townsville Hospital Rotation and the Gold Coast University Hospital Rotation. Toowoomba Hospital forms part of the Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation. Hospitals in this rotation include: Queensland Children’s Hospital, Bundaberg Hospital, Caboolture Hospital, Cairns Hospital, Gladstone Hospital, Hervey Bay Hospital, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mackay Base Hospital, Mater Mothers’ Hospital NICU, Mt Isa Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, Redland Hospital, Rockhampton Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital NICU, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital and **Toowoomba Hospital**.

As Toowoomba Hospital is part of the Queensland Children's Hospital Rotation for both Basic and Advanced Training, the following table provides an example networked pathway from internship through to fellowship in the Southern Queensland region:

GENERAL PAEDIATRICS TRAINING - QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK EXAMPLE									
		Basic Training			Advanced Training				
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6		PGY7		PGY8
Intern	RMO	Basic Training Year 1	Basic Training Year 2	Basic Training Year 3	Community/ Developmental	Acute / Neonatology	General Paediatrics - with a perinatal component	General Paediatrics - Rural	Independently Sourced Final Year
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital

#### Disclaimer

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