



GENERAL AND ACUTE CARE MEDICINE

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become a General Medicine Physician 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) Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training followed by 3 years (full time) Advanced Training in General and Acute Care Medicine.

Basic	Year 1	Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training: 36 months (full time) consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 months (full time) core training (including 3 months general and acute care medicine & 12 months in medical specialties) • Maximum 12 months non-core training. Completing Basic Training in Adult Internal Medicine allows doctors to train in General and Acute Care Medicine and/or specialise in one of 26 medical specialties available in the Advanced Training Program.
Basic	Years 2	
Basic	Years 3	
Basic	Year 4	Advanced Training in General and Acute Care Medicine: 36 months (full time) consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 months (full time) core training • 12 months (full time) non-core training
Basic	Year 5	
Basic	Year 6	

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

Basic Training:

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia (earliest entry is PGY2).
- Secured a Basic Training position at an accredited training hospital or health service.
- Discussed your application and received approval to apply for Basic Training from the hospital (or network) Director of Physician Education (DPE). The DPE's approval is subject to selection processes, training capacity and/or performance of the prospective trainee. Australian trainees are required to have their online application approved by their DPE.

Advanced Training:

- Completion of RACP Basic Training (including written and clinical examinations) is a pre-requisite to commencing Advanced Training.
- Secured employment in an appropriate Advanced Training position.

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Useful contacts and links

Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service: MEU_Rockhampton@health.qld.gov.au

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

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

Queensland Basic Physician Training Network (Adult Medicine): <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/physician>

Queensland General Medicine Advanced Training Network: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/general-medicine>

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/General%20medicine.pdf>



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

In Queensland, first year Basic Training Positions (BTP1) are recruited and managed directly by the individual Hospital and Health Service (HHS), not via the Network. The College is not responsible for trainee recruitment. Information relating to the training positions in hospitals accredited by the College to provide Basic Training, is accessed via the available positions within each hospital via the [RMO Campaign website](#).

The [Queensland Basic Physician Training Network](#) provides centralised recruitment, selection and allocation of Basic Physician Trainees (BPT) intending to commence their second or third year (BPT2 and BPT3) of training in Queensland and are registrar level appointments.

To proceed to Advanced Training, applicants can secure an Advanced Training position at an accredited training site by applying through the [RMO Campaign](#) to the [Queensland General Medicine Advanced Training Network](#). The network facilitates centralised recruitment to general medicine registrar positions across the state, from advanced training year one. Trainees remain on the network for the duration of their general medicine advanced training subject to satisfactory performance.

Once you have secured an Advanced Training position, you must prospectively apply for approval as per the RACP [Progression through Training Policy](#).

Program requirements

Training requirements summary:

Adult Internal Medicine Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/adult-internal-medicine>

General and Acute Care Medicine Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/general-and-acute-care-medicine>

Regional training opportunities in Central Queensland

There are currently 12 Basic Physician Trainee positions and 2 Advanced Training positions in Rockhampton*.

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

The following table outlines the General Medicine training pathway and which components the Rockhampton and Gladstone Hospitals are accredited for:

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Total Training Time (Months)	Type of training accredited for	TRAINING PROGRAM							
				Minimum training time allowed in Level 3 Training Hospital (Months)	Maximum training time allowed in Level 3 Training Hospital (Months)	Maximum training time allowed in Level 2 Hospital (Months)	Maximum training time allowed in Level 1 Hospital (Months)	Maximum training time allowed in Secondment Hospital (Months)	Minimum training time in general & acute care medicine (Months)	Maximum training time of non-core training (can be replaced by additional core training) (Months)	Minimum training time in medical specialties (Months)
RACP	Adult Internal Medicine (AIM) - Basic Training	36		12	33	24	12	6	3	12	12
	Rockhampton Hospital		Level 2 Teaching Hospital - allows up to 24 months of Basic Physician Training. Trainees must spend the additional 12 months at a Level 3 Teaching Hospital			✓					
	Gladstone Hospital		Secondment Hospital - allows up to 6 months of Basic Physician Training and will be on rotation from a Level 2 or Level 3 Teaching Hospital. A total of 6 months may be spent at secondment hospitals					✓			

		TRAINING PROGRAM						
COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Advanced Training Time (Months)	Maximum Training Time accredited for (Months)	Core General Medicine (Months)	Core General Medicine-Related (Months)	Core Subspecialty (Months)	Non-Core training (Months)	
RACP	General & Acute Care Medicine - Advanced Training	36		6	6	12	12	Accredited for which particular rotations
	Rockhampton Hospital		24	✓		✓ (6 months)	✓	Core General Medicine Core Subspecialty Training: Nephrology

Map your General Medicine training pathway in Central Queensland

In Queensland, there are 4 network rotations for Basic Physician Training: Far North, Northside, Southside and Coastal. The Rockhampton Hospital forms part of the Northside Network Rotation. Hospitals in this rotation include: Caboolture Hospital, Mackay Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, **Rockhampton Hospital**, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital and The Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital.

For Advanced Training, network positions are negotiated and secured on an annual basis. From 2020, the Queensland General Medicine Advanced Training Network will introduce the General Medicine 3-year Training Stream (GM3TS) to first year trainees. This dedicated training stream aims to build and enhance regional training positions and will offer trainees the opportunity to tailor a three-year training plan to meet individual subspecialty term preferences on entry to the network.

The following table provides an example pathway from internship through to fellowship in the Central Queensland region:

		BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING - NORTHSIDE ROTATION			ADVANCED TRAINING - GENERAL & ACUTE CARE MEDICINE				
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6		PGY7		PGY8
Intern	RMO	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4		Year 5		Year 6
					Core Medicine Related (Acute Care)	Core Subspecialty (Intensive Care)	Core Medicine	Core Subspecialty (Nephrology)	Non-Core Training
Rockhampton Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Sunshine Coast University Hospital	Sunshine Coast University Hospital	Sunshine Coast University Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital

Disclaimer

The University of Queensland Regional Training Hubs have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the information contained in this document is both accurate and current. Information in this Guide is accurate as at May 2019. Pathways provided are examples only and may be dependent on availability of positions, allocation processes and individual progression through the training program. While care has been taken to provide accurate information in this Guide, it is the responsibility of prospective candidates for training pathways and positions to check and confirm specific details with relevant Colleges and health authorities directly.