



GERIATRIC MEDICINE

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become a Geriatrician, 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 Geriatric Medicine.

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| 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 | Year 2 | |
| Basic | Year 3 | |
| Advanced | Year 4 | Advanced Training in Geriatric 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 |

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand or a permanent resident of Australia.
- Have completed the RACP Basic Physician Training (including the RACP Written and Clinical Examinations).
- Have an appointment to an appropriate Advanced Training position.

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](#).

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/>

Geriatric Advanced Training Program Curriculum: https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/geriatric-medicine-advanced-training-curriculum.pdf?sfvrsn=d7fc2e1a_10

Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Pathway: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/geriatric-medicine-advanced-training>

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/Geriatric%20medicine.pdf>

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.

New and current trainees need to [apply for Advanced Training](#) each year with RACP. 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 Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Pathway](#). This program offers a centralised recruitment, selection and allocation to registrar positions across the state, emphasising consistency and quality, in association with trainee equity, flexibility and choice.

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>

Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/geriatric-medicine>

Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There are currently 3 Geriatric Medicine registrar positions in Toowoomba*.

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

The following table outlines the Geriatric Medicine training pathway and stages that the Toowoomba Hospital is accredited for:

| COLLEGE | SPECIALTY | Total Training Time (Months) | Type of training accredited for | TRAINING PROGRAM | | | | | | | |
|---------|--|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Minimum training time in a Level 3 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 | 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 | 12 | 33 | 24 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 12 |
| | Toowoomba Hospital | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |

| COLLEGE | SUB-SPECIALTY | Advanced Training Time (Months) | TRAINING PROGRAM | | |
|---------|--|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Maximum Training Time accredited for (Months) | Core Training (Months) | Non-Core Training (Months) |
| RACP | Geriatric Medicine - Advanced Training | 36 | 12 | 24 | 12 |
| | Toowoomba Hospital | | | ✓ (12 months) | |

Map your Geriatric Medicine training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, there are 13 accredited facilities for Advanced Training positions: Cairns Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital Brisbane, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital, The Townsville Hospital and **Toowoomba Hospital**.

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

| | | BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING - SOUTHERN ROTATION EXAMPLE | | | | ADVANCED TRAINING - MEDICAL ONCOLOGY | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| PGY1 | PGY2 | PGY3 | PGY4 | PGY5 | PGY6 | PGY7 | PGY8 |
| Intern | RMO | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| | | | | | Core Training | Non-Core Training | Core Training |
| Toowoomba Hospital | Toowoomba Hospital | Toowoomba Hospital | Toowoomba Hospital | Princess Alexandra Hospital | Princess Alexandra Hospital | Ipswich Hospital | Toowoomba 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.