



# NEPHROLOGY

## The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become a Nephrologist, you will need to apply for fellowship with [The Royal Australasian College of Physicians](#). 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 Nephrology.

Basic	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training:</b> 36 months (full time) consisting of:  • 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	<b>Year 2</b>	
Basic	<b>Year 3</b>	
Advanced	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Advanced Training in Nephrology:</b> 36 months (full time) consisting of:  • 36 months (full time) core training.
Advanced	<b>Year 5</b>	
Advanced	<b>Year 6</b>	

## 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.
- Completion of the RACP Basic Training (including written and clinical exams).
- 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](#).

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.

## 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/>

Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology: <https://www.nephrology.edu.au/>

Queensland Nephrology Advanced Training Pathway: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/nephrology>

Advanced Training in Nephrology, Coordinator Clinical Excellence Division, Qld Health:  
[Statewide Renal Network@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Statewide_Renal_Network@health.qld.gov.au)

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

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: <https://hwd.health.gov.au/webapi/customer/documents/factsheets/2016/Nephrology.pdf>



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 Nephrology Advanced Training Pathway](#). This is a state-wide process in Queensland and is supported by the Queensland Health Renal Heads of Department with advanced training accredited positions.

The streamlined centralised process offers two pathways:

1. A three (3) year advanced trainee pathway – the 3 year pathway meets the core RACP components of nephrology training. Up to 2 positions may be offered in this pathway each year.
2. A one (1) year advanced trainee pathway – the 1 year pathway meets the core RACP components of 1 year of nephrology training. Up to 15 positions may be offered in this pathway in 2020.

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

## Program requirements

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

Nephrology Advanced Training Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/nephrology>

## Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There is currently 1 Nephrology registrar position in Toowoomba\*.

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

The following table outlines the Nephrology 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		12	33	24	12	6	3	12	12
	Toowoomba 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			✓					

COLLEGE	SUB-SPECIALTY	Advanced Training Time (months)	Core Training (months)
RACP	NEPHROLOGY	36	36
	Toowoomba Hospital		✓ (12 months)

## Map your Nephrology training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, the accredited training sites for Advanced Training in Nephrology include: Cairns Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Rockhampton Hospital, Royal Brisbane Hospital, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, **Toowoomba Hospital** and The Townsville 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 - NEPHROLOGY		
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6	PGY7	PGY8
Intern	RMO	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
					Core Training	Core Training	Transplant Exposure Training
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Princess Alexandra 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.