



# ADDICTION MEDICINE

## The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine (RACP-AChAM)

To become an Addiction Medicine Physician, you will need to apply for fellowship with [The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine \(RACP-AChAM\)](#). Fellowship is a minimum 6 year (full time) training pathway, consisting of two alternate entry points – completion of the 3 years (full time) RACP Basic Training **OR** fellowship with another eligible Specialist Medical College. This is followed by 3 years (full time) Advanced Training in Addiction Medicine consisting of:

- 18 months Core Training
- 18 months Non-Core Training

### Entry requirements/pre-requisites

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Completion of RACP Basic Training (including written and clinical examinations) OR have fellowship with another eligible Specialist Medical College, Chapter or Faculty. For the list of eligible fellowships, please see the following link: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/addiction-medicine>
- Secured employment in an appropriate Advanced Training position.

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

To be selected onto the Advanced Training in Addiction Medicine Program, applicants must first secure a position with an [accredited training facility](#). In Queensland, there is no central allocations process for Addiction Medicine positions, recruitment to training positions is managed directly by the training facility.

New and current trainees need to [apply for Advanced Training](#) each year with RACP. Once you have secured an Advanced Training position, you must prospectively apply for approval as per the RACP [Progression through Training Policy](#).

## Regional Training Hub Wide Bay

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### Useful contacts and links

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Hervey Bay Hospital  
Medical Education: [HBHMedicalEducation@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:HBHMedicalEducation@health.qld.gov.au)  
Medical Administration: [WBHHS-MedicalAdmin@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:WBHHS-MedicalAdmin@health.qld.gov.au)

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

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

Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine: <https://www.racp.edu.au/about/college-structure/adult-medicine-division/australasian-chapter-of-addiction-medicine>

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

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: [https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/05EB31F8E8114371CA257E6E001A2EA1/\\$File/Addiction%20medicine.pdf](https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/05EB31F8E8114371CA257E6E001A2EA1/$File/Addiction%20medicine.pdf)



## Program requirements

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

## Regional training opportunities in Wide Bay

There is currently 1 Addiction Medicine registrar in the Wide Bay Region\*.

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

The following table outlines the Addiction Medicine Advanced Training program and requirements that the Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Service are accredited for:

COLLEGE	SUB-SPECIALTY	Advanced Training Time (months)	TRAINING PROGRAM	
			Core Training (months)	Non Core Training (months)
RACP - AChAM	Addiction Medicine	36	18	18
	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Service		✓	✓

The Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Service is a region wide service operating out of Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough and the rural facilities, therefore trainees receive a richly diverse, varied and flexible learning experience as they progress through their training requirements.

## Map your Addiction Medicine training pathway in Wide Bay

RACP Basic Training Entry Point:

The following tables provide example pathways from internship through to fellowship in the Wide Bay region, when entering via completion of the RACP Basic Training Entry Point:

		BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM - SOUTHERN ROTATION EXAMPLE				ADVANCED TRAINING - ADDICTION MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAM			
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4		PGY5	PGY6		PGY7	PGY8
Intern	RMO	BPT1	BPT2		BPT3	Core Training	Non-Core Training	Core Training	Non-Core Training
Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital	Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital	Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital (facility appointed)	Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital (network secondment)	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services

		BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH - QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK EXAMPLE			ADVANCED TRAINING - ADDICTION MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAM			
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6	PGY7		PGY8
Intern	RMO	Basic Training Year 1	Basic Training Year 2	Basic Training Year 3	Core Training	Non-Core Training	Core Training	Non-Core Training
Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital	Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital	Bundaberg OR Hervey Bay Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services

Other Eligible Fellowship Entry Point:

As previously referenced, the other entry point to Advanced Training in Addiction Medicine is fellowship with another eligible College. Quick Reference Guides and example pathways to fellowship with the following eligible Colleges in the Wide Bay region can be found here:

- [Australasian College of Emergency Medicine](#)
- [Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists](#)
- [Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine / Royal Australian College of General Practitioners](#)
- [Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists](#)
- [College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand](#)

Trainees entering via this entry point can complete their entire Advanced Training in Addiction Medicine program in the Wide Bay region, as shown in the example pathway below:

ADVANCED TRAINING - ADDICTION MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAM			
Year 1	Year 2		Year 3
Core Training	Non-Core Training	Core Training	Non-Core Training
Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services	Wide Bay Alcohol and Other Drugs Services

**Disclaimer**

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