



GENERAL AND ACUTE CARE MEDICINE

The Royal and 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 equivalent) training pathway consisting of 3 years (full time equivalent) Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training followed by 3 years (full time equivalent) Advanced Training in General and Acute Care Medicine.

Basic	Year 1	Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training: 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 which can be replaced by additional core training - At least 12 months at a Level 3 Teaching Hospital and at least 3 months outside of a Level 3 Teaching Hospital
Basic	Year 2	
Basic	Year 3	
Advanced	Year 4	Advanced Training in General and Acute Care Medicine: 36 months (full time) consisting of: - 24 months (full time) core training - 12 months (full time) non-core training
Advanced	Year 5	
Advanced	Year 6	

Completing Basic Training in Adult Internal Medicine allows doctors to train in General and Acute Care Medicine and/or specialise in one of 35 medical specialties available in the RACP Advanced Training Program.

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

Basic Training:

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Have a minimum of 20 weeks experience in general medicine or medical specialties (earliest entry is PGY2, although PGY3 is preferred).
- 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). Please note that DPE approval is limited to trainees that have been formally selected onto the training network.

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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/>

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

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: <https://hwd.health.gov.au/webapi/customer/documents/factsheets/2016/General%20medicine.pdf>

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.

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

The Queensland Basic Physician Training Network provides centralised recruitment, selection and allocation of RACP registered Basic Physician Trainees (BPT) intending to commence basic physician training in Queensland. Applicants must apply through the [RMO campaign](#) to secure an employment contract for a position in an accredited facility.

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

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

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 Southern Queensland

There are currently 12 Basic Physician Trainee positions and a maximum of 6 Advanced Training positions at Toowoomba Hospital*.

***Position data valid as at October 2020.**

The following tables outline the General Medicine training pathway and which components the Toowoomba Hospital and Kingaroy Hospitals are accredited for:

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Total Training Time (Months)	Level Teaching Hospital	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
	Toowoomba Hospital		Level 2 Teaching Hospital - allows up to 24 months Physician Training. Trainees must spend the additional 12 months at a Level 3 Teaching Hospital			✓			✓		✓
	Kingaroy 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 REQUIREMENTS						
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
	Toowoomba Hospital		18	✓	✓	✓ (6 months)	✓	Core General Medicine Core General Medicine Related (Acute Care) Core Subspecialty [Cardiology, Nephrology, Geriatrics/Stroke and ICU (acute)]

Map your General Medicine training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, there are 5 network rotations for Basic Physician Training: Far North, North Queensland, Northside, Southside and Coastal. The Toowoomba Hospital forms part of the Southside Network rotation. Hospitals in this rotation include Bundaberg Hospital, Greenslopes Hospital, Hervey Bay Hospital, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mater Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, QEII Hospital and **Toowoomba Hospital**.

For Advanced Training, network positions are negotiated and secured on an annual basis.

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

		BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING - SOUTHSIDE 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	
					Non-Core Training	Core Subspecialty (Nephrology)	Core General Medicine Related (Acute Care)	Core Subspecialty (Cardiology)	Core General Medicine	Non-Core Training
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba 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 April 2021. 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.

