



# 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 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 Geriatric Medicine.

Basic	Year 1	<b>Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training:</b> 36 months (full time) consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 months (full time) core training (including 3 months general and acute care medicine and 12 months in medical specialties).</li> <li>• Maximum 12 months non-core training which can be replaced by additional core training.</li> <li>• At least 12 months at a Level 3 Teaching Hospital and at least 3 months outside of a Level 3 Teaching Hospital</li> </ul>
Basic	Year 2	
Basic	Year 3	
Advanced	Year 4	<b>Advanced Training in Geriatric Medicine:</b> 36 months (full time) consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 months (full time) core training</li> <li>• 12 months (full time) non-core training</li> </ul>
Advanced	Year 5	
Advanced	Year 6	

## 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.

### 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.

## Regional Training Hub Southern Queensland

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## Useful contacts and links

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[DDHHS\\_MEU@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:DDHHS_MEU@health.qld.gov.au)

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](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>

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

## 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 an 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 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

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 October 2020.**

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

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Total Training Time (Months)	Level Teaching Hospital	TRAINING PROGRAM							
				Minimum training time in a Level 3 Hospital (Months)	Maximum training time allowed in Level 3 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			Additional Notes
			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)		Including Toowoomba Base Hospital with St Vincent's Private Hospital. The trainee to spend no longer than 12 months at Toowoomba Base Hospital. The trainee to spend no longer than 6 months at St Vincent's Private Hospital.

## Map your Geriatric Medicine training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, there are 12 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, Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, The Prince Charles Hospital, **Toowoomba Hospital** and Townsville University 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 - GERIATRIC MEDICINE		
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
<b>Toowoomba Hospital</b>	<b>Toowoomba Hospital</b>	<b>Toowoomba Hospital</b>	<b>Toowoomba Hospital</b>	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Ipswich Hospital	<b>Toowoomba Hospital</b>

### 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 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.

