



OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)

To become a Specialist Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, you will need to apply for fellowship with [The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists](https://www.ranzcog.edu.au/). Fellowship is a 6-year (full time equivalent) training pathway consisting of a Core Training Program (4 years FTE) and Advanced Training Program (2 years FTE).

Year 1	Core Training Program (CTP) - Trainees must:
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotate to a minimum of 2 hospitals
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a minimum of 23 weeks in a rural hospital
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a minimum of 46 weeks in a tertiary hospital• Complete 46 weeks away from base hospital
Year 5	Advanced Training Program (ATP) – Trainees must:
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit a Learning Plan for approval each year which is designed to meet their own interests and educational needs.• Complete Advanced Training Modules in Generalist Obstetrics (6 months) and Generalist Gynaecology (6 months) OR for trainees who undertake subspecialty or academic streams, the Essential O&G Skills Advanced Training Module (12 months). This can be completed any time during advanced training.

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Have citizenship, permanent residency or the necessary VISA to undertake training.
- 24 months prevocational medical education and training (earliest year of entry is PGY3).

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

Selection to the FRANZCOG Training Program occurs annually. Prospective trainees need to apply to the College to be selected onto the FRANZCOG Training Program, and also need to apply for a position through the Queensland Health [RMO Campaign](#) to be issued an employment contract with their allocated facility.

Applicants accepted to the FRANZCOG Training Program cannot commence training unless they have obtained an accredited training position and prospective approval to undertake training in that position.

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 Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists:
<https://www.ranzcog.edu.au/>

FRANZCOG Training Program Handbook: [https://ranzcog.edu.au/RANZCOG_SITE/media/RANZCOG-MEDIA/Training%20and%20Assessment/Specialist%20Training/Curriculum%20and%20Handbook/FRANZCOG-Training-Program-Handbook-2020-\(post-2013\).pdf](https://ranzcog.edu.au/RANZCOG_SITE/media/RANZCOG-MEDIA/Training%20and%20Assessment/Specialist%20Training/Curriculum%20and%20Handbook/FRANZCOG-Training-Program-Handbook-2020-(post-2013).pdf)

RANZCOG Curriculum: https://ranzcog.edu.au/RANZCOG_SITE/media/RANZCOG-MEDIA/Training%20and%20Assessment/Specialist%20Training/Curriculum%20and%20Handbook/RANZCOG-Curriculum.pdf

RMO Campaign: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/rmo>

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



Program requirements

Training Program Handbook: [https://ranzcoq.edu.au/RANZCOG_SITE/media/RANZCOG-MEDIA/Training%20and%20Assessment/Specialist%20Training/Curriculum%20and%20Handbook/FRANZCOG-Training-Program-Handbook-2020-\(post-2013\).pdf](https://ranzcoq.edu.au/RANZCOG_SITE/media/RANZCOG-MEDIA/Training%20and%20Assessment/Specialist%20Training/Curriculum%20and%20Handbook/FRANZCOG-Training-Program-Handbook-2020-(post-2013).pdf)

The Training Program Handbook provides information about the College, training support, policies, guidelines and statements, information about the Training program and more.

Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There are currently 4 Registrar positions in Toowoomba*.

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

The following table outlines the Obstetrics and Gynaecology training pathway and which requirements the Toowoomba Hospital is accredited for:

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY		Core Training (Months)	Advanced Training (Months)	Years of Training	Earliest year of entry into program	TRAINING PROGRAM							
							Core Training				Advanced Training			
							Core Training	Minimum training time in a tertiary (Home/Base) hospital (Months)	Minimum training time in a hospital other than home/base hospital (Months)	Minimum training time in a rural hospital (Months)	Experience in Gynaecological Oncology	Generalist Obstetrics Advanced Training Module (Months)	Generalist Gynaecology Advanced Training Module (Months)	Elective (Months)
RANZCOG	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	Integrated Training Program	48	24	6	PGY3	48	12	12	6	No time requirement - logbook	6	6	12
	Toowoomba Hospital	Gold Coast University Hospital					✓ (12 months)	✓	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*		

* Please note accreditation of posts for Advanced Training Modules occurs through prospective approval of positions. To complete Advanced Training in the Southern Queensland region, you will need to further discuss feasibility of completing all requirements with the Clinical Director.

Map your Obstetrics & Gynaecology training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, there are 5 Integrated Training Programs for Core Training: Mater Mothers' Hospital Program, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital Program, Gold Coast University Hospital Program, Mackay Provincial Integrated Training Program and Townsville Hospital Program. Toowoomba Hospital forms part of the Gold Coast University Hospital Program. The hospitals in this program include Gold Coast University Hospital, Logan Hospital, QEII Hospital and **Toowoomba Hospital**.

Unlike Core Training, Advanced Training is not confined to sites formally accredited by the College. Advanced training can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the trainee and their aims will vary from trainee to trainee. Each trainee is required to submit a Learning Plan for prospective approval by the relevant Regional Training Accreditation Committee.

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

OBSTETRIC & GYNAECOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM - EXAMPLE GOLD COAST HOSPITAL INTEGRATED TRAINING PROGRAM PATHWAY							
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6	PGY7	PGY8
		Core Training				Advanced Training	
Intern	RMO	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Elective	Generalist Obstetrics (6 months) and Generalist Gynaecology (6 months) Advanced Training Modules
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Gold Coast University Hospital	QEII Hospital	Logan Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital*	Toowoomba Hospital*

* As detailed above, dependent on suitability of the site to meet procedural and caseload requirements.

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.

