



# GENERAL PAEDIATRICS

## The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become a Paediatrician, 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) Basic Training in Paediatrics and Child Health followed by 3 years (full time equivalent) Advanced Training in General Paediatrics.

Basic	Year 1	Paediatrics and Child Health – Basic Training: minimum 36 months (full time) consisting of: -24 months (full time) core training (including a minimum of 9 months general pediatric medicine; 3 months pediatric emergency medicine; 3 months neonatology in a perinatal unit; and 3 months in a paediatric medical specialty) -Maximum 12 months non-core training
Basic	Year 2	
Basic	Year 3	Please note that trainees must spend a minimum of 9 months at a Level 3 teaching hospital.
Advanced	Year 4	Advanced Training in General Paediatrics: 36 months (full time) consisting of: -Minimum 24 months (full time) core training including: -12 months general pediatrics (including at least 6 months in rural training, and 6 months with a perinatal component) -6 months acute care training -6 months community/development training -Maximum 12 months of non-core training
Advanced	Year 5	
Advanced	Year 6	

## Entry requirements/pre-requisites

### Basic Training:

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Completion of PGY2. Earliest entry into Basic Training is in PGY3.
- 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 Paediatric Education \(DPE\)](#).

### Advanced Training:

- Completion of RACP Basic Paediatrics Training is a pre-requisite to commencing Advanced Training.
- Secured employment in an appropriate Advanced Training position.

## Regional Training Hub Wide Bay

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## Useful contacts and links

### Bundaberg Hospital

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Medical Administration: [WBHHS-MedicalAdmin@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:WBHHS-MedicalAdmin@health.qld.gov.au)

### Hervey Bay Hospital

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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>

Queensland Basic Paediatric Training Network: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/basic-paediatric>

Queensland General Paediatric Advanced Training Program: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/advanced-paediatric>

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



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

The [Queensland Basic Paediatric Training Network](#) applies to all 1st and 2nd year basic paediatric trainees seeking an appointment in Queensland. Applicants will first need to apply for the Queensland Basic Paediatric Training Network. The Network comprises of 4 rotations consisting of metropolitan and regional training hospitals, through which the trainees rotate to complete the requirements of the college. Employment contracts will be arranged by the facility where the trainee commences network training through the [RMO Campaign](#).

The [Queensland General Paediatric Advanced Training Network](#) provides an optional two year networked pathway that allows trainees to meet all core requirements for the RACP General Paediatrics advanced training program. The third year is independently sourced. Applicants can secure an Advanced Training position at an accredited training site by applying through the [RMO Campaign](#).

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

## Program requirements

Paediatrics and Child Health Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/paediatrics-child-health>

General Paediatrics Program Overview: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/general-paediatrics>

## Regional training opportunities in Wide Bay

There are currently 7 x Paediatric registrar positions in Bundaberg and 5 x Paediatric registrar positions in Hervey Bay\*.

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

The following tables outline the General Paediatrics pathway and which components the Bundaberg and Hervey Bay Hospitals are accredited for:

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY			Basic Training (months)	Sub specialty/ Advanced Training (sites)	Total Years Training	Earliest year of entry into program	BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM				Required or optional rotations
								Paediatrics required rotations - 24 months				
								General Paediatric rotation (minimum months required)	Paediatric Emergency Medicine rotation (minimum months required)	Neonatology rotation in a perinatal unit (minimum months required)	Paediatric medical specialty rotation (minimum months required)	
RACP	GENERAL PAEDIATRICS - Basic General Paediatric Training	Level Teaching Hospital	Rotation	36	36	6	PGY3	9	3	3	3	12
	Bundaberg Hospital	Secondment (Maximum 12 months training)	Queensland Children's Hospital					✓				✓ (3 months)
	Hervey Bay Hospital	Secondment (Maximum 12 months training)	Queensland Children's Hospital					✓				✓ (3 months)

ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM												
Core Training - 24 months												
COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Advanced Training (months)	Maximum total core training time allowed (months)	General Paediatrics				Community / Development Training (months)	Acute Care (NICU & PICU) (months)	Non Core Training (months)		
				General Paediatrics (Rural) with a perinatal component (months)	or	Combination of 2x 6 month rotations covering Perinatal and Rural requirements						
						General Paediatrics (Rural) with a perinatal component (months)	General Paediatrics (Rural) without a perinatal component (months)				General Paediatrics with a perinatal component (months)	General Paediatrics without a perinatal component (months)
RACP	GENERAL PAEDIATRICS - Advanced Training	36	12	12		6	6	6	6	6	12	
	Bundaberg Hospital			12	✓	✓			✓*		✓	
	Hervey Bay Hospital			12	✓	✓			✓*		✓	

\* Community/Development requirement can be completed through a 12-month placement in these regional hospitals.

## Map your Paediatrics training pathway in Wide Bay

**Basic Training:** Network trainees will be allocated to a single rotation for the duration of their training. Trainees will be pre-allocated 3 x 12 month training placements at the hospitals within the rotation for the duration of their network training. There are 4 training networks within Queensland: Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation, Townsville Hospital Rotation, Townsville Hospital Rotation including Royal Darwin Hospital and the Gold Coast University Hospital Rotation.

Both Wide Bay Hospitals form part of the Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation. Hospitals in this network include: Queensland Children’s Hospital, **Bundaberg Hospital**, Caboolture Hospital, Cairns Hospital, **Hervey Bay Hospital**, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mackay Base Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, Redland Hospital, Rockhampton Hospital, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital and Toowoomba Hospital.

Bundaberg Hospital also forms part of the Gold Coast University Hospital Rotation. Hospitals in this network include: Gold Coast University Hospital, **Bundaberg Hospital**, Queensland Children’s Hospital, Logan Hospital and Redland Hospital.

**Advanced Training:** Trainees will be allocated to a single rotation for the duration of their 2 year pathway. Non-core Training (i.e. 3rd year) is independently sourced allowing flexibility for trainees to tailor their final year according to their specific educational and career interests.

Each rotation will include secondment to other accredited hospitals for specific components of core training - including general paediatric terms at both outer metropolitan and regional hospitals. All rotations will include at least 6 months in a rural or regional site. Trainees can nominate their preference for the locations of their core training terms within the 2 year pathway.

There are 3 advanced training networks which are the Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation, the Townsville Hospital Rotation and the Gold Coast University Hospital Rotation. Both Wide Bay Hospitals form part of the Queensland Children’s Hospital Rotation. Hospitals in this rotation include: Queensland Children’s Hospital, **Bundaberg Hospital**, Caboolture Hospital, Cairns Hospital, Gladstone Hospital, **Hervey Bay Hospital**, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mackay Base Hospital, Mater Mothers’ Hospital NICU, Mt Isa Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, Redland Hospital, Rockhampton Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital NICU, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital and Toowoomba Hospital.

The following tables provide example networked pathways from internship through to fellowship in the Wide Bay region:

Bundaberg Base:		GENERAL PAEDIATRICS TRAINING - QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK EXAMPLE											
PGY1	PGY2	Basic Training					Advanced Training						
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3		PGY4			PGY5		PGY6		PGY7		PGY8
Intern	RMO	General paediatrics	Optional rotation or additional core training	Paediatrics Emergency Medicine	Neonatology	Optional rotation or additional core training	Paediatric Medical Specialty	Optional rotation or additional core training	Community/ Developmental	Acute / Neonatology	General Paediatrics (Rural) - with a perinatal component		Non-Core Training (independently sourced)
		9 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	6 months	3 months	9 months	6 months	6 months	12 months		12 months
<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>	<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>	<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>		Queensland Children's Hospital			Queensland Children's Hospital		Queensland Children's Hospital		<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>		<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>

Bundaberg Base:		GENERAL PAEDIATRICS TRAINING - GOLD COAST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NETWORK EXAMPLE											
PGY1	PGY2	Basic Training - Queensland Children's Hospital example network rotation					Advanced Training - Gold Coast University Hospital example network rotation						
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3		PGY4			PGY5		PGY6		PGY7		PGY8
Intern	RMO	General paediatrics	Optional rotation or additional core training	Paediatrics Emergency Medicine	Neonatology	Optional rotation or additional core training	Paediatric Medical Specialty	Optional rotation or additional core training	Acute / Neonatology	General Paediatrics	General Paediatrics (Rural) - with a perinatal component	Community/ Developmental	Non-Core Training (independently sourced)
		9 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	6 months	3 months	9 months	6 months	6 months	6 months	6 months	12 months
<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>	<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>	<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>		Queensland Children's Hospital			Queensland Children's Hospital		Gold Coast University Hospital		<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>		<b>Bundaberg Hospital</b>

Hervey Bay Base:		GENERAL PAEDIATRICS TRAINING - QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK EXAMPLE											
PGY1	PGY2	Basic Training					Advanced Training						
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3		PGY4			PGY5		PGY6		PGY7		PGY8
Intern	RMO	General paediatrics	Optional rotation or additional core training	Paediatrics Emergency Medicine	Neonatology	Optional rotation or additional core training	Paediatric Medical Specialty	Optional rotation or additional core training	Acute / Neonatology	General Paediatrics with a perinatal component	General Paediatrics (Rural)	Community / Developmental	Non-Core Training (independently sourced)
		9 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	6 months	3 months	9 months	6 months	6 months	6 months	6 months	12 months
<b>Hervey Bay Hospital</b>	<b>Hervey Bay Hospital</b>	<b>Hervey Bay Hospital</b>		Queensland Children's Hospital			Queensland Children's Hospital		Queensland Children's Hospital		<b>Hervey Bay Hospital</b>		<b>Hervey Bay Hospital</b>

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