



ENDOCRINOLOGY

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become an Endocrinologist, 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 Endocrinology. Please note this reference guide refers to Endocrinology (Adult Medicine).

Basic	Year 1	Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training: 36 months (full time) consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 months (full time) core training (including 3 months general and acute care medicine and 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 Endocrinology: 36 months (full time) consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 months (full time) core training, including 12 months required clinical training time • 12 months (full time) non-core training
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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Medi-Nav: <https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au>

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

Endocrinology Advanced Training Program Curriculum: <https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/at-endocrinology-adult-medicine-curricula.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

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

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: <https://hwd.health.gov.au/webapi/customer/documents/factsheets/2016/Endocrinology.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](#).

In Queensland, Advanced Training in Endocrinology is managed centrally by a panel comprised of Endocrinology Unit Directors from accredited training facilities. Applicants can secure an advanced training position by applying through the [RMO campaign](#). For information on eligibility and other key recruitment details, please refer to the [Queensland Endocrinology Advanced Training Program](#) website.

Program requirements

Basic Training: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/adult-internal-medicine>

Advanced Training: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/endocrinology>

Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There is currently 1 Endocrinology Advanced Training registrar position in Toowoomba*.

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

The following tables outline the Endocrinology 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 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			
			Maximum Training time accredited for (Months)	Core Training (Months)	Required Clinical Training (Months)	Non-Core Training (Months)
RACP	Endocrinology (Adult) - Advanced Training	36		12	12	12
	Toowoomba Hospital		12	✓		

Map your Endocrinology training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, there are 8 accredited facilities for Advanced Training positions: Cairns Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital, Mater Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Sunshine Coast University Hospital, **Toowoomba Hospital** and The 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 - ENDOCRINOLOGY		
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	Required Clinical Training	Core Training
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Mater Hospital	Royal Brisbane and Women's 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 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.

