



RURAL GENERALIST

To become a Rural Generalist, you will need to apply to the [Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway](#). The pathway is 5-years (full time) consisting of 3 training periods:

- PGY1 and PGY2 - Pre-vocational Plus
- PGY3 - Advanced Skills Training (AST)
- PGY4 and PGY5 - Vocational Training (completing fellowship with [Australian College of Rural & Remote Medicine](#) and/or [The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners](#))

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

- Successfully complete a medical degree from an accredited Australian or New Zealand university and be in the final year of study at time of application.
- Hold an Intern applicant group status of A or B: Medical graduates of Australian or New Zealand Universities with Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- Have received or be eligible upon graduation for provisional medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

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

Applications open approximately March each year, however prospective trainees can [express interest](#) in joining the pathway at any time. Intern positions are allocated through the Rural Generalist Intern Recruitment Campaign.

Once trainees are ready to commence PGY3 - Advanced Skills training, recruitment and allocation of positions is dependent on the advanced skill of choice. The QRGP coordinates a statewide recruitment and placement process for AST positions in mental health, adult internal medicine, anaesthetics, obstetrics and paediatrics. This campaign opens in April/May each year for commencement the following year. To secure an AST position in emergency medicine, surgery or Indigenous health, trainees need to apply through the RMO Campaign, for commencement the following year.

Once trainees are ready to enter Vocational Training, contact your Regional Training Organisation. The Regional Training Organisation for Wide Bay is [James Cook University General Practice Training](#).

Regional Training Hub Wide Bay

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Useful contacts and links

Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway: <https://ruralgeneralist.qld.gov.au/>, 1800 680 291

Regional Training Organisation - James Cook University General Practice Training: <https://www.jcugp.edu.au/>

Bundaberg office: jcugp.widebay@jcu.edu.au; (07) 4131 4610
Hervey Bay office: jcugp.widebay@jcu.edu.au; (07) 4197 2610

Bundaberg Hospital:
Medical Education: BBHMedicalEducation@health.qld.gov.au
Medical Administration: WBHHS-MedicalAdmin@health.qld.gov.au

Hervey Bay Hospital:
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Medi-Nav: <https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au>

Australian College of Rural & Remote Medicine (ACRRM): <https://www.acrrm.org.au/>

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP): <https://www.racgp.org.au/>



Program requirements

Training Program Overview: <https://ruralgeneralist.qld.gov.au/why-the-pathway/>

Regional training opportunities in Wide Bay

There are currently 7 Rural Generalist intern positions, 7 Rural Generalist RMO positions, 7 AST positions and 56 General Practice registrar positions (suitable for Rural Generalist Vocational Training stage) in the Wide Bay region*.

***Position data valid as at February 2021.**

The following table outlines the training pathway and stages that the Wide Bay Hospitals and General Practices are accredited for:

	Prevocational Training		Advanced Skills Training								Vocational Training		
	PGY1	PGY2	PGY3									PGY4	PGY5
			Adult Internal Medicine	Indigenous Health	Emergency Medicine	Paediatrics	Mental Health	O&G	Anaesthetics	Surgery			
Bundaberg Hospital	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Wide Bay Region (GP Practices)		
Hervey Bay Hospital	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓

Trainees can complete their entire Rural Generalist training pathway within the Wide Bay Region.

For further information on accredited Advanced Skills Training positions in Queensland, please visit the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway website: <https://ruralgeneralist.qld.gov.au/current-trainees/>.

For information on accredited GP practices in the Wide Bay region, please visit the JCU GP Training website: <https://www.jcugp.edu.au/wide-bay/>.

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