



# NEPHROLOGY

## The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

To become a Nephrologist, 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 Nephrology.

Basic	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training:</b> 36 months (full time) consisting of: - 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 with 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	<b>Year 2</b>	
Basic	<b>Year 3</b>	
Advanced	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Advanced Training in Nephrology:</b> 36 months (full time) consisting of: - 36 months (full time) core training.
Advanced	<b>Year 5</b>	
Advanced	<b>Year 6</b>	

## 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 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 Advance Training position.

## Regional Training Hub Southern Queensland

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## Useful contacts and links

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service:  
Medical Education Unit - [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/>

Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology: <https://www.nephrology.edu.au/>

Queensland Nephrology Advanced Training Pathway: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/nephrology>

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



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## 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](#).

New and current trainees need to [apply for Advanced Training](#) each year with RACP. 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 Nephrology Advanced Training Pathway](#). This is a state-wide process in Queensland and is supported by the Queensland Health Renal Heads of Department with advanced training accredited positions.

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

## Program requirements

**Adult Internal Medicine Program Overview:** <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/adult-internal-medicine>

**Nephrology Advanced Training Program Overview:** <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/nephrology>

## Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There is currently 1 Nephrology registrar position in Toowoomba\*.

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

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

SPECIALTY	Total Training Time (months)	Type of training accredited for	TRAINING PROGRAM							
			Minimum training time in a Level 3 Hospital (months)	Maximum training time allowed in Level 3 Training 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)
Adult Internal Medicine (AIM) - Basic Training	36		12	33	24	12	6	3	12	12
Toowoomba Hospital		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			✓			✓		✓
Kingaroy Hospital		Secondment Hospital - allows up to 6 months of Basic Physician Training and will be on rotation from a Level 2 or Level 3 Teaching Hospital. A total of 6 months may be spent at secondment hospitals.					✓			

COLLEGE	SUB-SPECIALTY	Advanced Training Time (months)	Core Training (months)
RACP	Nephrology	36	36
	Toowoomba Hospital		✓ (12 months)

## Map your Nephrology training pathway in Southern Queensland

In Queensland, the accredited training sites for Advanced Training in Nephrology include: Cairns Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Rockhampton 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 - NEPHROLOGY		
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6	PGY7	PGY8
Intern	RMO	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
					Core Training	Core Training	Transplant Exposure Training
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Rockhampton Hospital	Princess Alexandra 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 June 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.

