

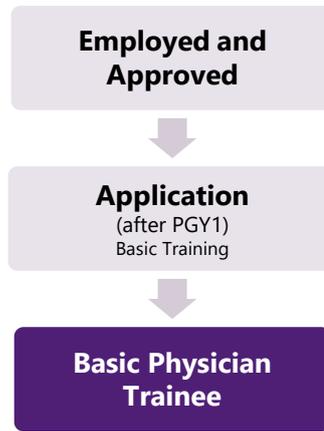
# BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING (PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH)

## ENTRY

**Basic Physician Training** is the **first step** in a minimum six-year training program with the **Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP)** to become a Paediatrician.

To apply to the Basic Physician Training (BPT) Program applicants must:

- Have current general medical registration in Australia or New Zealand
- Have satisfactorily completed at least one intern year (PGY1+)
- Be employed in a training position at an accredited training site
- Be approved to apply for Basic Training by the Director of Physician Education



Both new and current trainees need to apply/re-register for Basic Training annually:

- Applications to start or continue training at the beginning of the year – **due 28 February**
- Applications to start or continue training mid-year – **due 31 August**

Basic Training Fee	\$3,543 AUD
Written Exam	\$1,883 AUD
Clinical Exam	\$2,818 AUD

For a full list of RACP fees go to <https://www.racp.edu.au>

## BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The **Basic Training (BT)** in Paediatrics & Child Health Program requires:

- 36 months of certified training consisting of:

**Paediatric Rotations** – min 24 months:

Required Rotations	Minimum
General Paediatric Medicine	9 months
Neonatology	3 months
Paediatric Emergency Medicine	3 months
Paediatric Specialty Rotations	3 months
Developmental and Psychosocial Training (during BT or AT)	No min

**Optional Rotations** – max 12 months:

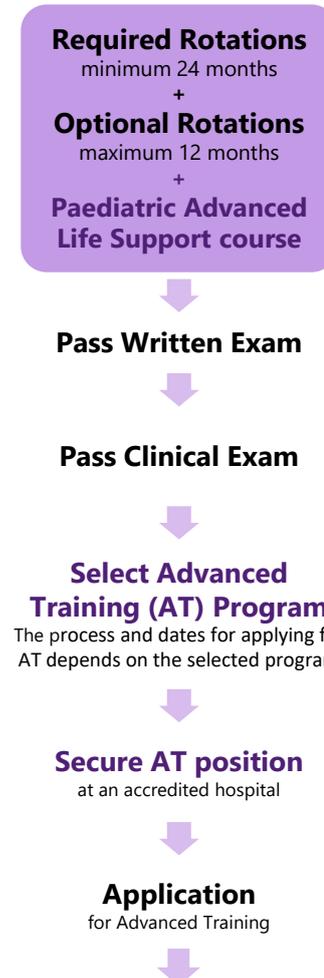
Optional Rotations	Maximum
Neonatology in a non-perinatal NICU	12 months
Paediatric Anaesthetics	3 months
Paediatric Intensive Care	6 months
Paediatric Surgery	6 months
Paediatric Nights	6 months
Paediatric Relieving	6 months
Supervised Research, Clinical Improvement Projects or Adult medicine	6 months in total

- Completion of a **Paediatric Advanced Life Support** course (or equivalent)

**Before** commencing Advanced Training candidates must:

- Pass a **Written Examination** AND
- Pass a **Clinical Examination**

## Minimum 3 years



The **Basic Training in Paediatrics & Child Health Handbook** outlines the complete program requirements for the RACP Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) BT in Paediatrics & Child Health Program [here](#)

The College provides online resources and support through a **Basic Training Portal** and an **eLearning@RACP** space.

BT in Paediatrics & Child Health is undertaken in different categories of hospital. The RACP specifies the minimum & maximum amount of time a trainee can spend in each type:

### Level 3 teaching hospitals

- min 9 months, max 36 months

### Level 2 teaching hospitals

- no min, max 27 months

### Level 1 teaching hospitals

- Nil

### Secondment hospitals

- no min, max 12 months

### In Victoria:

- **The Royal Children's Hospital & Monash Children's** currently hold Level 3 accreditation for this Program

### In Western Victoria:

- **Ballarat Health Services** is level 2 teaching hospital accredited to have trainees from the college and receives rotators from the RCH.
- Ballarat Health Services is accredited for 12 mths Advanced Paediatrics training (Community Paeds/Rural Paeds/General Paeds).

The RACP offers specialty Physician training **Advanced Training (AT)** across a diverse range of medical specialties.

For more information about RACP Advanced Training Programs go to: [www.racp.edu.au](http://www.racp.edu.au)

### Paediatric & Child Health Division Programs (3 years)

- Cardiology (Paediatrics)
- Clinical Genetics
- Community Child Health
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General Paediatrics
- Clinical Haematology
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Respiratory & Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology

### Chapter Programs

- (3 years)
- Paediatric Rehabilitation Medicine
  - Palliative Medicine
  - Sexual Health Medicine
- Trainees may also apply to enter Chapter Programs after obtaining Fellowship of another College*

### Joint/Dual Programs

- (4-5 years)
- Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine
  - Endocrinology & Chemical Pathology
  - Joint RACP/RCPA Haematology
  - Joint Immunology & Allergy
  - Infectious Diseases & Microbiology

## AT