

PHYSICIAN TRAINING (ADULT INTERNAL MEDICINE)

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 Physician.

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

The BPT Program requires 36 months of certified training consisting of:

Core Training - min 24 months (2 years) including compulsory rotations in:

- **General Medicine** - min 3 months (ideally 6 months) with a maximum of 6 months at any one training site
- **Medical Specialties** – min 12 months (max 6 months in any one specialty)

And optional selections in

- **Emergency Medicine** – maximum 3 months
- **Anaesthetics** – max 3 months
- **General Paediatrics** – max 6 months across both core and non-core training

Non-core Training – max 12 months (1 year) across the following rotations:

- **General Medicine** – max 12 months
 - Other clinical rotations agreed by the DPE – max 3 months
 - **Emergency Medicine** – max 6 months
 - **Medical Specialties** – max 6 months
 - **Nights** – max 6 months
 - **Relieving** – max 6 months
 - **Paediatric Medicine** – max 6 months across both core and non-core training
- Rotations may be completed in any order. Non-core training may be replaced with additional core training.

Before commencing Advanced Training candidates must:

- Pass a Written Examination
- Pass a Clinical Examination

BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM



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 Feb**
- 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>

The **Basic Training Handbook** outlines the complete program requirements for the RACP Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) Basic Training in Adult Internal Medicine Program available [here](#).

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

BPT is undertaken in different categories of hospital.

The RACP specifies the minimum and maximum amount of time a trainee can spend in each type of hospital.

Level 3 teaching hospitals

- min 12 months, max 33 months (i.e. at least 3 months outside a Level 3 Teaching Hospital)

Level 2 teaching hospitals

- no min, max 24 months

Level 1 teaching hospitals

- no min, max 12 months

Secondment hospitals

- no min, max 6 months

In Western Victoria:

- **Barwon (Geelong)** is a Level 3 teaching hospital and has accredited registrar positions as part of the Basic Physician Compass 6 Consortia

- **Ballarat Health Services** is a Level 2 teaching hospital and has accredited registrar positions as part of the Basic Physician Greater Western Consortia.

- **Warrnambool** is a level 1 teaching hospital and has accredited General Medicine registrar positions through the Basic Physician Compass 6 Consortia

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

Adult Medicine Division Programs (3 years)

- Cardiology (Adult)
- Clinical Genetics
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General & Acute Care Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine
- Clinical Haematology
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Respiratory & Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology

Chapter Programs

- (3 years)
- Addiction 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