

# EMERGENCY MEDICINE TRAINING PATHWAY

## ENTRY

To be eligible to apply to enter the **Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) Training Program** you must:

- Be a registered medical practitioner in the jurisdiction in which you plan to work
- Have completed a minimum of 24 months postgraduate clinical experience in a teaching setting

Candidates may apply if they are in at least their second postgraduate year (PGY2) and have completed a minimum of:

- one full term (8 weeks) in emergency medicine \*
- two full terms (16 weeks) in two different disciplines other than emergency medicine

\* *Intern terms in emergency medicine (PGY1) are **not** included in the minimum but may be for other disciplines.*

**Application**  
(during or post PGY2)  
once-per-year selection process

**Assessed as suitable**

**Enrolled**  
as FACEM Trainee

Application and enrolment dates are published on the ACEM website [here](#)

Prospective trainees must apply through the **once-per-year Selection into FACEM Training** process.

There is no quota on training positions. The College will enroll **all** applicants assessed as meeting the standards required for FACEM training as FACEM trainees.

### Current fees:

Selection into Training: \$550 AUD  
Trainee Entrance Registration Fee: \$690 AUD  
Annual Training Fee: \$1,570 AUD  
Primary Examination Fee (Written): \$1,859 AUD  
Primary Examination Fee (Oral): \$2,065 AUD  
Fellowship Examination Fee (Written): \$2,442 AUD  
Fellowship Examination Fee (Clinical OSCE): \$3,452 AUD  
Fellowship Application: \$1,778 AUD  
Annual Subscription: \$1,955 AUD

A full list of ACEM Fees is available on the ACEM website: <https://acem.org.au/Content-Sources/About/Fees-and-payments>

## TRAINING PROGRAM

The FACEM Training Program is a five-year training program which includes:

- 12 months of Provisional Training
- 48 months of Advanced Training
- Formal structured assessments
- Examinations
- Other requirements prescribed by the College

**Provisional Training** (12 months FTE) requires satisfactory completion of:

- **6 months core emergency medicine training**
- **6 months other approved training (ED or non-ED)**
- Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs)
- Structured References
- Primary Examination (Written)
- Primary Examination (Viva)

The minimum placement duration is **TWO months FTE** at a single training site.

*Trainees may be eligible to apply for up to 6 months of non-ED Provisional Training Credit*

**Advanced Training** (48 months FTE) requires satisfactory completion of:

- **30 months core emergency medicine training** (first 12 months is referred to as 'early phase' and remaining 18 months is referred to as 'late phase'). Requires a minimum of 6 months in a major referral ED and a minimum of 6 months in an urban referral or rural/regional ED.
- **6 months critical care training (intensive care and/or anaesthesia)**
- **6 months non-ED training**
- **6 months 'Discretionary' training**
- Workplace-based Assessments (WBAs)
- Paediatric requirement
- Research requirement
- Fellowship Examination (Written)
- Fellowship Examination (Clinical OSCE)

The minimum placement duration is **THREE months FTE** at a single training site.

*Trainees may be eligible to apply for up to 12 months of non-ED Advanced Training and Research credit*

## Minimum 5 years

1 year **Provisional Training**  
4 years **Advanced Training**

**Provisional Training**  
12 months

**Pass Primary Exam**

**Advanced Training**  
Stage 1 (12 months)

**Advanced Training**  
Stage 2 (18 months)

**Advanced Training**  
Stage 3

**Pass Fellowship Exam**

**Consultant/Staff Specialist**  
FACEM

**CPD**

Meet ACEM annual and triennial CPD requirements

Trainees work in emergency departments for the majority of their training.

Trainees must also undertake training in:

- anaesthesia and/or intensive care
- additional placements in non-emergency posts and/or areas of special skill - such as toxicology, retrieval, medical education, and research

### Stages of Training

The Training Program comprises the following stages of training:

1. **Provisional Training:** from enrolment as a Provisional Trainee until completion of all requirements of Provisional Training
2. **Advanced Training Stage 1:** from start of Advanced Training until completion of all of the 'early phase' emergency medicine requirements (the first 12 months of the required 30 months)
3. **Advanced Training Stage 2:** from progression into 'late phase' emergency medicine training (the remaining 18 months of the required 30 months of core ED training) until commencement of Stage 3
4. **Advanced Training Stage 3:** from completion of 36 FTE months Advanced Training until elected to Fellowship

**Critical care, non ED & discretionary** training time may be completed at any stage of Advanced Training

### Training in West Victoria:

ACEM Accredited training sites are:

#### Ballarat Health Service are:

- 12 Months accredited training
- Approved for Paediatric Log Book (PLB)
- 6 month special skills term in Anaesthetics (2 x 3 months)
- 6 months Intensive Care placement (2 x 3 months)
- Options for non-ED training (i.e general medicine)
- Supports research requirements

## CPD

Successful completion of the ACEM Training Program qualifies the trainee for independent practice as a consultant in emergency medicine in Australia and New Zealand, and **Fellowship of Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (FACEM)**

**Flexible training options** are available including:

- Part-time training (not less than 50%)
- Overseas training
- Interrupted training (max 24 months)