WHAT IS THE NSW RURAL GENERALIST (MEDICAL) TRAINING PROGRAM?

The NSW Rural Generalist (Medical) Training Program is for doctors who join General Practice (GP) Training and wish to obtain an advanced skill in a medical discipline. The program is integrated with the GP training pathway and is up to four (4) years in duration (depending on the year of entry).

The education aims to provide junior doctors with a supported training pathway to a career as a rural general practitioner providing primary care in a community general practice setting and advanced services in a NSW rural hospital.

The program is managed by the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI). HETI supports education and training for excellent health care across the NSW Health system.

The training program includes a foundation year (which may be in either hospital practice or community practice), a year of advanced skills training and two years of support to consolidate advanced skills while training in community general practice or other approved training positions. Further information is available at heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp.

RURAL GENERALIST ANAESTHETIC TRAINING

Training will be determined by the services in the training location, while allowing for flexibility in training experiences. A trainee may undertake Anaesthetic learning opportunities including inpatient care, on call or after-hours.

Following successful completion of the RG Foundation Year, trainees may progress to the Advanced Skills Training year. This is undertaken full time over twelve (12) months in a NSW rural hospital setting.

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**PRE-REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCED SKILLS TRAINING**

Trainees must be enrolled, or made application and working towards enrolment, on a general practice training pathway during the RG Foundation Year.

**Proof of enrolment is required prior to commencement of the Advanced Skills Training Year. Trainees may be enrolled in either:**

A) Australian General Practice Training (AGPT),

   **Note:** If enrolled in the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) trainees are required to be enrolled with a regional training organisation. In NSW this is GP Synergy. Further details may be accessed at: [gpsynergy.com.au/](gpsynergy.com.au/)

B) Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS)
   [rvts.org.au/](rvts.org.au/)
   OR

C) Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) independent pathway.

**ANAESTHETIC CURRICULA**

Trainees undertaking the advanced skills year on the RG Anaesthetic Pathway will follow the curriculum statement in anaesthesia for advanced rural skills and advanced specialised training available at: [racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/ruraladvantage/essential-fargp-information/](racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/ruraladvantage/essential-fargp-information/)

Over the four year program trainees will also follow their appropriate College curriculum for the pathway. It is recommended trainees seek advice from their respective general practice college regarding the relevant curriculum and training for their proposed Fellowship.

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

Prior to completion of the JCCA, or in the RG Foundation Year, trainees must successfully complete an emergency medicine course, i.e. Emergency Medicine of Anaesthetics Crisis (EMAC) or similar.

Scholarships may be available depending on the course and relevance to training.

**LOCATIONS FOR TRAINING**

Training on the Anaesthetic Pathway will be undertaken in regional and rural NSW Health facilities accredited by the JCCA.

Locations for Advanced Skills Training are determined each year in consultation with rural Local Health Districts, and are dependent on availability and vacancies. HETI cannot guarantee a specific post will be available. Further information is available at: [heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp](heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp)

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Entry to Program: Recruitment to the program is conducted annually. The advertisement for Rural Generalist Foundation Year opens in September/October each year. Dates are published on the program website [heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp](heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp). To receive notification of recruitment and/or program updates email one of the program contacts listed on the website.

Subsequent vacant posts: Rural Generalist Foundation Year trainees are allocated to advanced skills training positions in June each year. Vacant posts available following the Rural Generalist Foundation Year allocation are advertised for eligible general practice trainees through the NSW Junior Medical Officer Recruitment Campaign opening in late July. See [health.nsw.gov.au/jmo/Pages/default.aspx](health.nsw.gov.au/jmo/Pages/default.aspx)

**CONTACTS**


*Note the information in this brochure is in regard to the NSW Rural Generalist Training Program. For information on all other aspects of GP training please refer to the respective college or training organisation.*