



OBSTETRIC PATHWAYS

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 Program 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.

The 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.

RURAL GENERALIST OBSTETRIC PATHWAY

Many women and their families live outside of large cities and towns in NSW. Most will wish to have their pregnancy and a safe birth managed as close to home as possible.

The Rural Generalist Obstetric Pathway aims to increase the number of GPs with advanced skills in Obstetrics who may work in rural hospitals, and provide rural services in rural communities.

Advanced skills training in Obstetrics is offered via two pathways. The first is the Advanced Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRANZCOG Advanced).

The second is the combined Emergency/Obstetric Pathway – for further information refer to the Emergency/Obstetric Pathway brochure.

The Program provides orientation and learning opportunities, exposure to clinical experiences in rural obstetric care settings and supervision by expert Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialists and mentors.





RURAL GENERALIST OBSTETRIC TRAINING

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

Following successful completion of the Rural Generalist 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.

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 Rural Generalist 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)

agpt.com.au

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

- B)** Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS)

rvts.org.au

OR

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

acrrm.org.au

OBSTETRIC CURRICULA

Trainees undertaking the advanced skills year will undertake the Advanced Diploma of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (DRANZCOG). The CCDOG comprises representatives from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG), the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and ACRRM.

RANZCOG Certificate of Women's Health, DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced Curricula available at:

ranzcoed.edu.au

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.

Further information available at:

RACGP: racgp.org.au

ACRRM: acrrm.org.au

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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

LOCATIONS FOR TRAINING

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

Locations for Advanced Skills Training are determined each year in consultation with rural Local Health Districts, and are dependent on availability and vacancies. The Health Education and Training Institute cannot guarantee a specific post will be available.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Entry to Program: Recruitment to the Program is conducted annually. Applications for the Rural Generalist Foundation Year open mid-September each year. For information on dates and to register for updates, visit the Program 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

