



PAEDIATRIC 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 PAEDIATRIC PATHWAY

The Rural Generalist Paediatric Pathway aims to increase the number of GPs with advanced skills in paediatrics who work in rural hospitals and provide these services to rural communities.

The Program provides orientation and learning opportunities, exposure to clinical experiences in a range of rural paediatric care settings and supervision by expert paediatric specialists and mentors.

RURAL GENERALIST PAEDIATRIC TRAINING

Training will initially be determined by the services in the training

location, while allowing for flexibility in training experiences. A trainee may undertake paediatric learning opportunities including inpatient care, outreach services, emergency and community based care.

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 with some community experience e.g. paediatric inpatient unit, community child health service and paediatric outreach service.





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

PAEDIATRIC CURRICULA

Trainees will undertake the Diploma of Child Health offered through the University of Sydney and developed in collaboration with the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network.

The University of Sydney and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Diploma of Child Health curriculum is available at:

magga.org.au

Trainees undertaking the advanced skills year will be placed in rural training posts in paediatrics that are accredited by the Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP) and supervised by specialist paediatricians. Posts are also accredited by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) for GP training.

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

RACGP Advanced Rural Skills Training – Curriculum for Child and Adolescent Health available at:

racgp.org.au

ACRRM curriculum for Advanced Specialised Training – Paediatrics available at:

acrrm.org.au

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Prior to completion of Paediatric Advanced Skills Training, or during the Rural Generalist Foundation Year, trainees must successfully complete relevant emergency medicine courses i.e. Advanced

Paediatric Life Support (APLS) and neonatal resuscitation.

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

LOCATIONS FOR TRAINING

Training on the Paediatric Pathway may be undertaken in a combination of regional and rural NSW Health facilities accredited for specialist paediatric training and community general practice. 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

