

# NSW RURAL GENERALIST MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

## EMERGENCY MEDICINE PATHWAY

### 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 generally 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 generalist providing primary care in the rural general practice setting, emergency care in a NSW rural hospital, and an advanced skill for the benefit of their rural community.

The Program is managed by the Health Education and Training Institute.

The Program includes a foundation year (which may be in either a hospital setting or in general practice), a year of advanced skills training and up to two years of support to consolidate advanced skills while training in a rural or remote general practice.

### Rural Generalist Emergency Medicine Pathway

The Rural Generalist Emergency Medicine Pathway in NSW aims to increase the number of GPs with advanced skills in emergency medicine aligned with the needs of rural and remote communities.

The Emergency Medicine Advanced Skill Training requirements of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and/or Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) will guide trainee



learning. Trainees may choose to concurrently complete the requirements of the Emergency Medicine Certificate and/or Diploma of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine.

### Rural Generalist Emergency Medicine Training

The Program provides advanced skills training as well as emergency medicine orientation and learning opportunities, exposure to clinical experiences in rural emergency medicine settings and supervision by expert emergency medicine specialists and Rural Generalist mentors.

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



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#### Pre-Requirement for Advanced Skills Training

During the Rural Generalist Foundation Year trainees are not required to be enrolled on a general practice training pathway. However trainees must have made application or be enrolled prior to being considered for Advanced Skills Training.

Proof of enrolment is required prior to commencement of the Advanced Skills Training Year. The trainee needs to show proof of enrolment with their GP College. In addition Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) trainees need to show enrolment in the Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP). Trainees must also be enrolled in a training scheme, either:

**A) Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) AGPT**

Note: If enrolled in the AGPT trainees are required to be enrolled with GP Synergy in NSW. Further details may be accessed at: [gpsynergy.com.au](http://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**

#### Emergency Medicine Curricula

While all GPs working in rural health services are expected to have skills in emergency medicine, the Rural Generalist pathway takes into consideration the diverse health services, workforce, referral networks and role delineation of facilities in rural NSW.

The advanced skills training in emergency medicine will provide opportunities for rural generalists to work across a range of clinical settings, including doctors providing clinical care as a solo medical practitioner; working in health facilities in multidisciplinary teams; or working in more remote locations where telehealth may be required.

From 2019 - 2021, HETI provided up to 24 months funding to complete the Emergency

Medicine Diploma (EMD) which at the time required six months to complete the Emergency Medicine Certificate and then 18 months Emergency Medicine Diploma. The Emergency Medicine Diploma can now be completed in 12 months.

**Curriculum statements are available:**  
[acem.org.au](http://acem.org.au)

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

#### Locations for Training

Training on the Emergency Medicine Pathway will be undertaken in regional and rural NSW Health facilities accredited by the ACEM. 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: [heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp](http://heti.nsw.gov.au/rgtp)

**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](http://health.nsw.gov.au)

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