RACGP

Journey towards general practice

Via the RACGP vocational training pathway

MEDICAL SCHOOL (FOUR TO SIX YEARS)

APPLYING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING

If you decide that a career in general practice is the career for you, then you can submit an application during your intern year or any year subsequent (ie PGY2 onwards).

GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING (THREE YEARS)

Vocational training towards RACGP Fellowship (FRACGP) is three years full-time (or part-time equivalent), comprising hospital training (12 months), general practice placements (18 months) and extended skills (six months).

RACGP FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATIONS

The RACGP assessment comprises three segments: the Applied Knowledge Test (AKT), the Key Feature Problem (KFP), and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

Successful completion of RACGP training and assessment.

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HOSPITAL TRAINING TIME

The minimum requirement for entry to general practice training is one year of training in an Australian or New Zealand hospital. If you do have more than one year of hospital training experience upon entry to general practice training, you may be eligible to reduce your training time.

FARGP REGISTRAR PATHWAY

Enrolling in the Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP) will enable you to complete an additional 12 months of Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) taking your training from three years to four years.

It is recommended that the FARGP is undertaken during general practice training to enable you to get the most out of your experience and fulfil the majority of FARGP requirements before heading into the FRACGP exams. FARGP can also be undertaken post-Fellowship (see below).

ACADEMIC POST

You can apply for an academic post after GPT1 – your first general practice term. The post is for 12 months and is undertaken concurrently with a general practice placement. The term can be undertaken as the extended skills component of the training program, extended training time, or as a FARGP ARST if approved by the Rural Censor.

FARGP PRACTISING RURAL GENERAL PRACTITIONER PATHWAY

The FARGP is available to eligible practising general practitioners (GPs). The pathway recognises the skills, experience and training of practising rural GPs.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

→ VOCATIONAL TRAINING PATHWAY

⇢ ADDITIONAL OPTIONS