

GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING PATHWAY

The **Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program** trains doctors to become specialist General Practitioners. It provides full-time or part time training for Australian and overseas-trained doctors who want to specialise in this discipline. Doctors in the AGPT Program train towards achieving either a:

- **Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM).**
- **Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP)**
- **Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP)**

To be eligible for entry into the AGPT Program you must have unconditional general medical registration in Australia (**minimum Postgraduate Year 1 with rotations in Medicine, Surgery and Emergency**). Note: There are other self-funded general practice training pathways that practitioners with limited (not general) registration may be eligible for.

General Practice Training is managed by Regional Training Organisations (RTOs). These RTOs are contracted by the Australian Government's Department of Health. RTOs are responsible for training according to College curricula across geographical training regions. The Western Victorian region is serviced by Murray City Country Coast GP Training ([MCCC](#)).

The **Victorian Rural Generalist Pathway (VRGP)** is a recent exciting development. This pathway offers trainees the certainty of a defined and supported training pathway all the way through to Fellowship, in the region of their choice. Rural Generalists are General Practitioners who have trained to gain additional clinical skills in one or more specialty areas, allowing them to work unsupervised in that discipline in regional, rural and remote locations. Additional skills may include anaesthetics, emergency medicine, obstetrics, paediatrics or other areas relevant to meeting the health care needs of rural and remote communities.

Deciding which fellowship to undertake is a personal decision.

Once you have gained one of these fellowships, you can work as a GP anywhere in Australia.

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Doctor of Medicine (MD)

- **John Flynn Placement Program** – provides scholarships to support medical students to spend two weeks each year over three or four years working alongside a rural doctor
- **Year 2** – medical students will undertake an Interprofessional learning placement in a rural setting for one week.
- **Years 3 & 4** – students who have an interest in rural health can complete the final two years of their study at Ballarat, RCCS (Year 3 only) or Warrnambool Clinical Schools

Internship (Postgraduate Year 1)

Intern places are available at:

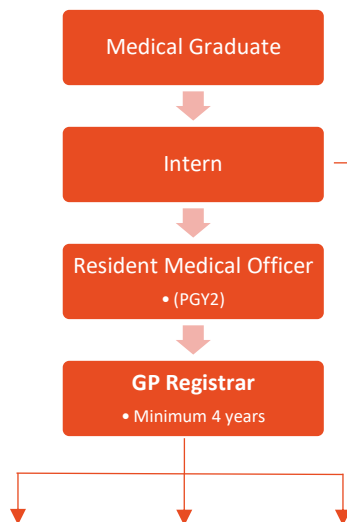
- Barwon Health Services
- Ballarat Health Service
- East Grampians Health Service
- Portland District Health
- South West Healthcare

Residency (Postgraduate Year 2)

A number of rural Resident Medical Officer (RMO) rotations and positions are available to junior doctors on a pathway to GP training, via the following health services:

- Barwon Health Services
- Ballarat Health Service
- Portland District Health
- South West Healthcare

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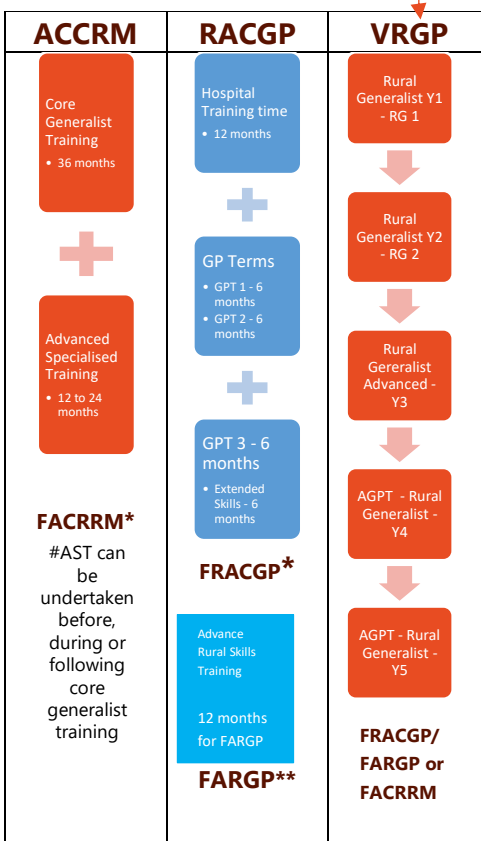


VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Application for entry into General Practice Vocational Training in Australia can be made through:

- The **Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program** - funded by Commonwealth Government to provide vocational training as a pathway to Fellowship of [ACRRM](#) and/or [RACGP](#)*. The ACRRM Independent (self-funded) pathway - does not receive government funding.
- The Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice ([FARGP](#)** is awarded in addition to the vocational Fellowship of the RACGP (FRACGP)* The FARGP cannot be undertaken as a stand-alone qualification.
- The [VRGP](#) is a state-wide end-to-end Rural Generalist training program that sits within the RACGP & ACRRM fellowships. This will allow the future rural generalist workforce to train, work and live in rural and regional Victoria.
RPL may be available for hospital and core generalist training, reducing the length of the program.

Overseas and Non- Vocational Trained Doctors may also be eligible to train as Rural Generalists through the RACGP's new **Practice Experience Program (PEP)**.



Advanced specialised training posts must have relevant accreditation with the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) or Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

Advanced Specialised Training (AST) posts are available at the following health services:

South West Healthcare,

- Emergency Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics

Ballarat Health Services,

- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Adult Internal Medicine
- Anaesthetics
- Emergency Medicine
- Paediatrics

Barwon Health,

- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology

With advance notice, it may be possible to develop additional skills posts to suit the particular needs of a community

ADVANCED SPECIALISED TRAINING