

PHYSICIAN TRAINING (ADULT INTERNAL MEDICINE)

ENTRY

Basic Physician Training is the **first step** in a minimum six-year training program with the **Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP)** to become a Physician.

To apply to the Basic Physician Training (BPT) Program applicants must:

- Have current general medical registration in Australia or New Zealand
- Have satisfactorily completed at least one intern year (PGY1+)
- Be employed in a training position at an accredited training site
- Be approved to apply for Basic Training by the Director of Physician Education

The BPT Program requires 36 months of certified training consisting of:

Core Training - min 24 months (2 years) including compulsory rotations in:

- **General Medicine** - min 3 months (ideally 6 months) with a maximum of 6 months at any one training site
- **Medical Specialties** – min 12 months (max 6 months in any one specialty)

And optional selections in

- **Emergency Medicine** – maximum 3 months
- **Anaesthetics** – max 3 months
- **General Paediatrics** – max 6 months across both core and non-core training

Non-core Training – max 12 months (1 year) across the following rotations:

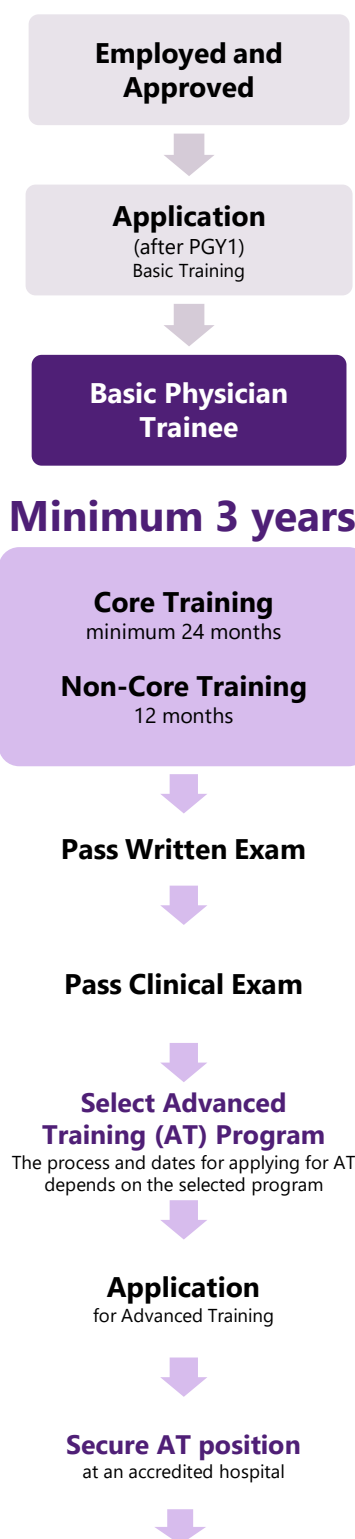
- **General Medicine** – max 12 months
- Other clinical rotations agreed by the DPE – max 3 months
- **Emergency Medicine** – max 6 months
- **Medical Specialties** – max 6 months
- **Nights** – max 6 months
- **Relieving** – max 6 months
- **Paediatric Medicine** – max 6 months across both core and non-core training

Rotations may be completed in any order. Non-core training may be replaced with additional core training.

Before commencing Advanced Training candidates must:

- Pass a Written Examination
- Pass a Clinical Examination

BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM



Both new and current trainees need to apply/re-register for Basic Training annually:

- Applications to start or continue training at the beginning of the year – **due 28 Feb**
- Applications to start or continue training mid-year – **due 31 August**

Basic Training Fee \$3,543 AUD
Written Exam \$1,883 AUD
Clinical Exam \$2,818 AUD

For a full list of RACP fees go to

<https://www.racp.edu.au>

The **Basic Training Handbook** outlines the complete program requirements for the RACP Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) Basic Training in Adult Internal Medicine Program available [here](#).

The College provides online resources and support through a **Basic Training Portal** and an **eLearning@RACP** space.

BPT is undertaken in different categories of hospital.

The RACP specifies the minimum and maximum amount of time a trainee can spend in each type of hospital.

Level 3 teaching hospitals

- min 12 months, max 33 months (i.e. at least 3 months outside a Level 3 Teaching Hospital)

Level 2 teaching hospitals

- no min, max 24 months

Level 1 teaching hospitals

- no min, max 12 months

Secondment hospitals

- no min, max 6 months

In Western Victoria:

- **Ballarat Health Services** is a Level 2 teaching hospital and has accredited registrar positions as part of the Basic Physician Greater Western Consortia. Six month APT Rotations are available. There are also rotators from RMH and WH. BPT1 rotations to Barwon Health available.

- **South West Healthcare** is a level 1 teaching hospital and has accredited General Medicine registrar positions through the Basic Physician Compass 6 Consortia. There are also APT rotators from St Vincent's Hospital and Barwon Health

The RACP offers specialty Physician training **Advanced Training (AT)** across a diverse range of medical specialties.

For more information about RACP Advanced Training Programs go to: www.racp.edu.au

Adult Medicine Division Programs (3 years)

- Cardiology (Adult)
- Clinical Genetics
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General & Acute Care Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine
- Clinical Haematology
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Respiratory & Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology

Chapter Programs

- (3 years)
- Addiction Medicine
 - Palliative Medicine
 - Sexual Health Medicine
- Trainees may also apply to enter Chapter Programs after obtaining Fellowship of another College*

Joint/Dual Programs

- (4-5 years)
- Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine
 - Endocrinology & Chemical Pathology
 - Joint RACP/RCPA Haematology
 - Joint Immunology & Allergy
 - Infectious Diseases & Microbiology

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