

# PSYCHIATRY TRAINING PATHWAY

## ENTRY

Potential applicants may wish to visit the RANZCP psychiatry interest forum <https://www.ranzcp.org/Pre-Fellowship/Psychiatry-as-a-career>

Prerequisites for applying to the **Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)** are:

- Successful completion of a medical degree
- At least one year of general medical training (FTE)
- Current general registration as a medical practitioner in Aus or NZ

**Applicants are selected for psychiatry training based on their suitability, skills & experience.** Applicants must:

- Be selected to enter the Colleges Fellowship program by a local/branch Training Committee
- Be appointed to a College-accredited training post
- Have submitted a signed Training Agreement to the College Head Office
- Have paid prescribed fees by due dates

## TRAINING PROGRAM

The **FRANZCP** program takes a minimum of 60mths FTE to complete. Training is completed in three stages:

**Stage 1** (12 mths FTE) in an approved adult psych rotation, incl. min 6 mths in an acute setting

**Stage 2** (24 mths FTE) in an approved training program incl.

- 6 mths consultation-liaison
- 6 mths child & adolescent
- 2 x 6 mths in any of the following: addiction psych, adult psych, forensic psych, indigenous psych or psych of old age.

**Stage 3** (24 mths FTE)

- 4 x 6 mths in one or more approved areas of practice incl. addiction psych, adult psych, child & adolescent psych, consultation-liaison, forensic psych, indigenous psych, psych of old age, research and psychotherapies.

In Stage 3, Trainees can choose to complete a **Certificate of Advanced Training** by developing advanced competencies in a particular area of practice.

**Trainees are also required to complete** a Formal Education Course, Leadership and Management training, Psychotherapy sessions and Indigenous modules during training.

## CPD

RANZCP operates a **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** program with the aim of maintaining a high standard of professional practice in psychiatry. Fellows and Affiliates of the College are expected to participate. Active Fellows and Affiliates are automatically enrolled in the CPD program, and no separate CPD fee is payable.

**Application**  
(after PGY1)

**Selection**  
(Employed & approved)

**RANZCP**  
**Trainee**

**Stage 1**  
12 mths FTE  
adult psych incl  
6 mths acute

**Stage 2**  
24 mths incl  
6 mths consultation-liaison  
6 mths child & adolescent  
2 x 6mths electives

**Stage 3**  
24 mths  
4 x 6mths rotations  
advanced level electives

**Successfully complete**  
**Assessment requirements**

**Consultant/Staff**  
**Specialist**  
**FRANZCP**

**CPD**  
Meet RANZCP annual CPD requirements

Applicants are selected based on their:

- Written application & CV
- Referee reports
- Performance at interview

**Work in rural areas is viewed as 'Advantageous' in the application process (CV and Interview.)**

Allocation of first year psych training posts in Victoria is a centralised process where interested doctors need to apply to the **Victorian Psychiatry Training Committee (VPTC)** and are then matched to training services through a formal match process.

RANZCP accredited training positions are normally advertised in April/May. Applications to the VPTC close in mid June and applicants are notified in early August.

Initial Registration Fee	\$693 AUD
P/T Annual Trg Fee	\$1312 AUD
F/T Annual Trg Fee	\$1840 AUD

For a full list of RANZCP fees go to [www.ranzcp.org](http://www.ranzcp.org)

Dual Fellowship Training Program – Paediatrics & Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) & the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) have together developed the Dual Fellowship Training Program (DFTP). Trainees who successfully complete the DFTP gain Fellowship of both Colleges (FRACP & FRANZCP).

Assessments: Workplace Based Assessments (WBAs) [formative] Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) [summative] & In-Training Assessments (ITAs) [summative] College administered MCQ, Essay-style exam, OSCE, Psychotherapy Written Case, Scholarly Project

**Training in Western Victoria:**

**Ballarat Health Services**

4 x unaccredited Registrars,  
2 x accredited registrar - RANZCP accredited training from 2021  
1 x PGY 3+ unaccredited Senior medical officer  
3 x PGY2+ accredited Resident Medical officers  
Name – Dr. Ravi Srinivasaraju  
Position - Director of Training  
Contact - 53204100

**South West Healthcare** is accredited for RANZCP training with one 12 month rotation available

- **Flexible Training Options** including part time training and job sharing are available. Refer RANZCP Part Time Training Policy (20.1)