

EMERGENCY MEDICINE TRAINING PATHWAY

ENTRY

To be eligible to apply to enter the **Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) Training Program** you must:

- Be a registered medical practitioner in the jurisdiction in which you plan to work
- Have completed a minimum of 24 months postgraduate clinical experience in a teaching setting

Candidates may apply if they are in at least their second postgraduate year (PGY2) and have completed a minimum of:

- one full term (8 weeks) in emergency medicine *
- two full terms (16 weeks) in two different disciplines other than emergency medicine

* *Intern terms in emergency medicine (PGY1) are not included in the minimum but may be for other disciplines.*

Application
(during or post PGY2)
once-per-year selection process

Assessed as suitable

Enrolled
as FACEM Trainee

Application and enrolment dates are published on the ACEM website [here](#)

Prospective trainees must apply through the **once-per-year Selection into FACEM Training** process. There is no quota on training positions. The College will enroll **all** applicants assessed as meeting the standards required for FACEM training as FACEM trainees.

Current fees:

Selection into Training: \$550 AUD
Trainee Entrance Registration Fee: \$690 AUD
Annual Training Fee: \$1,570 AUD
Primary Examination Fee (Written): \$1,859 AUD
Primary Examination Fee (Oral): \$2,065 AUD
Fellowship Examination Fee (Written): \$2,442 AUD
Fellowship Examination Fee (Clinical OSCE): \$3,452
Fellowship Application: \$1,778 AUD
Annual Subscription: \$1,955 AUD

A full list of ACEM Fees is available on the ACEM website: <https://acem.org.au/Content-Sources/About/Fees-and-payments>

TRAINING PROGRAM

The FACEM Training Program is a five-year training program which includes:

- 12 months of Provisional Training
- 48 months of Advanced Training
- Formal structured assessments
- Examinations
- Other requirements prescribed by the College

Provisional Training (12 months FTE) requires satisfactory completion of:

- **6 months core emergency medicine training**
- **6 months other approved training (ED or non-ED)**
- Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs)
- Structured References
- Primary Examination (Written)
- Primary Examination (Viva)

The minimum placement duration is **TWO months FTE** at a single training site.

Trainees may be eligible to apply for up to 6 months of non-ED Provisional Training Credit

Advanced Training (48 months FTE) requires satisfactory completion of:

- **30 months core emergency medicine training** (first 12 months is referred to as **'early phase'** and remaining 18 months is referred to as **'late phase'**). Requires a minimum of 6 months in a major referral ED and a minimum of 6 months in an urban referral or rural/regional ED.
- **6 months critical care training (intensive care and/or anaesthesia)**
- **6 months non-ED training**
- **6 months 'Discretionary' training**
- Workplace-based Assessments (WBAs)
- Paediatric requirement
- Research requirement
- Fellowship Examination (Written)
- Fellowship Examination (Clinical OSCE)

The minimum placement duration is **THREE months FTE** at a single training site.

Trainees may be eligible to apply for up to 12 months of non-ED Advanced Training and Research credit

Minimum 5 years

1 year **Provisional Training**
4 years **Advanced Training**

Provisional Training
12 months

Pass Primary Exam

Advanced Training
Stage 1 (12 months)

Advanced Training
Stage 2 (18 months)

Advanced Training
Stage 3

Pass Fellowship Exam

Consultant/Staff Specialist
FACEM

CPD

Meet ACEM annual and triennial CPD requirements

Trainees work in emergency departments for the majority of their training.

Trainees must also undertake training in:

- anaesthesia and/or intensive care
- additional placements in non-emergency posts and/or areas of special skill - such as toxicology, retrieval, medical education, and research

Stages of Training

The Training Program comprises the following stages of training:

1. **Provisional Training:** from enrolment as a Provisional Trainee until completion of all requirements of Provisional Training
2. **Advanced Training Stage 1:** from start of Advanced Training until completion of all of the **'early phase'** emergency medicine requirements (the first 12 months of the required 30 months)
3. **Advanced Training Stage 2:** from progression into **'late phase'** emergency medicine training (the remaining 18 months of the required 30 months of core ED training) until commencement of Stage 3
4. **Advanced Training Stage 3:** from completion of 36 FTE months Advanced Training until elected to Fellowship

Critical care, non ED & discretionary training time may be completed at any stage of Advanced Training

Training in West Victoria:

ACEM Accredited training sites are:

Ballarat Health Service is accredited for 12 Months accredited training

- Approved for Paediatric Log Book (PLB)
- 6 month special skills term in Anaesthetics (2 x 3 months)
- 6 months Intensive Care placement (2 x 3 months)
- Options for non-ED training (i.e. general medicine)
- Supports research requirements

South West Healthcare is accredited for provisional training and 6-months of advanced ED training, as well as possible accredited rotations in other areas. Six months rural rotations can be accredited at Colac, Portland, and Horsham

CPD

Successful completion of the ACEM Training Program qualifies the trainee for independent practice as a consultant in emergency medicine in Australia and New Zealand, and **Fellowship of Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (FACEM)**

Flexible training options are available including:

- Part-time training (not less than 50%)
- Overseas training
- Interrupted training (max 24 months)