

# BASIC 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

**Employed and Approved**

**Application**  
(after PGY1  
Basic Training)

**Basic Physician Trainee**

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 February**
- 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>

## BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM

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

## Minimum 3 years

**Core Training**  
minimum 24 months

**Non-Core Training**  
12 months

**Pass Written Exam**

**Pass Clinical Exam**

**Select Advanced Training (AT) Program**

The process and dates for applying for AT depends on the selected program

**Application**  
for Advanced Training

**Secure AT position**  
at an accredited hospital

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 Tasmania:

- **The Royal Hobart Hospital** currently holds Level 3 accreditation for this Program
- **The Launceston General Hospital** currently holds Level 2 accreditation
- **The North West Regional Hospital** currently holds Level 1 accreditation
- **Calvary Health Care** (St Luke's Campus in Launceston and Lenah Valley Campus in Hobart) currently hold accreditation as Secondment hospitals

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

For more information about RACP Advanced Training Programs go to: [www.racp.edu.au](http://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

## AT