

GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING (AGPT) PATHWAY

The **Australian General Practice Training (AGPT)** Program is an Australian Government initiative that funds vocational training for medical graduates wishing to pursue a career in General Practice in Australia. 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.

To become a specialist general practitioner in Australia, you are required to obtain fellowship with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and/or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and obtain vocational registration. The RACGP and ACRRM set the curriculum and vocational training standards for AGPT registrars. **Deciding which fellowship to undertake is a personal decision.** Fellowship of both Colleges is recognised by Medicare Australia.

GP Registrar Training is managed by Regional Training Organisations (RTOs) contracted by the Australian Government Department of Health. RTOs are responsible for training in line with College curricula across geographical training regions. In Tasmania the RTO is General Practice Training Tasmania (GPTT) gptt.com.au

ENTRY/ELIGIBILITY

The AGPT Program selection process is jointly led by ACRRM and the RACGP.

AGPT Selection Process:

1. **Apply** to enter the AGPT Program through the College that you wish to achieve Fellowship with.

RACGP www.racgp.org.au/agpt and/or ACRRM www.acrrm.org.au/agpt

2. **Nominate** either the general or rural training pathway

3. **Nominate** preferred training region/s (up to 4 preferences)*

A map of the training regions can be found at www.agpt.com.au/Training-organisations/Training-Regions

*Applicants aren't typically able to choose a specific location within a training region

The Australian Government currently funds 1,500 AGPT training positions per year.

Apply online to enter AGPT Program

Eligibility checked by the Department of Health

Eligible applications forwarded to relevant College/s

Participate in selected College/s testing and assessment process

RTOs make offers of training places

GP Registrar

Minimum 3-4 years

hospital and community experience according to standards set by each College:

There were 36 Training Places allocated to Tasmania for the AGPT Program in 2019: 31 through RACGP and up to 5 through ACRRM.

GP Registrars are required to remain in their selected training region for the duration of their training program. Transfers are only possible in exceptional circumstances.

Current fees (\$AUD)

RACGP

Application Fee	\$725
Annual Membership Fee	\$475
Applied Knowledge Test	\$2,120
Key Feature Problem Exam	\$2,120
OSCE	\$4,200

ACRRM

Application Fee	\$700
Annual Membership Fee	\$410
Multiple Choice Assessment	\$1,430
Multi-Source Feedback	\$451
Case Based Discussions	\$1,765
Structured assessment	\$2,965

TRAINING PROGRAM

RACGP (3-4 years)

The RACGP is responsible for 90% of GP training places nationally and offers general and rural pathway training places.

The RACGP Training Program is structured over **three years**:

- 12 months Hospital Training Time
- 18 months (3 x 6 month terms) in RACGP accredited general practice
- 6 months Extended Skills

Following successful completion, Registrars are eligible to apply for Fellowship of the RACGP and specialist (general practice) registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

To add Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP), 12 months Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) may be completed in:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health
- Anaesthetics
- Adult internal medicine
- Emergency medicine
- General practice
- Obstetrics
- Paediatrics
- Palliative care
- Mental health
- Small town rural general practice
- Surgery

Other posts may be considered on application

RACGP

Hospital Training
12 months

GP Terms
GPT1 - 6 months
GPT2 - 6 months
GPT3 - 6 months

Extended Skills
6 months

FRACGP

Advanced Rural Skills
12 months

FARGP

CPD

ACRRM

Core Clinical Training
12 months

Primary Rural & Remote Training
24 months

Advanced Specialised Training
12 months

FACRRM

CPD

ACRRM (4 years)

The ACRRM is responsible for 10% of GP training places nationally and offers rural pathway training places.

The ACRRM Training Program is structured over **four years**:

- 12 months Core Clinical Time (CCT), usually completed in hospital.
- 24 months Primary Rural and Remote Training in ACRRM accredited facility:
 - 6 months community primary care
 - 6 months hospital and emergency care
 - 12 months rural/remote experience
- 12 months in Advanced Specialised Training (AST) in one of the following disciplines:
 - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health
 - Academic practice
 - Adult internal medicine
 - Anaesthetics (JCCA)
 - Emergency medicine
 - Mental health
 - Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRANZCOG Advanced)
 - Paediatrics
 - Population health
 - Remote medicine, or
 - Surgery (24 months)

- Procedural Logbook (online)
- Multiple Choice Questions - Yr 2,3 or 4
- Multi-source feedback (MSF) from patients and colleagues.
- 6 x Case Based Discussion in Yr 3 or 4
- Structured assessment using multiple patient scenarios (StAMPS)

ASSESSMENT

Fellowship examinations:

- a 3hr online Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) - after GPT2
- a 3hr online Key Feature Problem (KFP) exam with 26 cases - after GPT2
- an OSCE - face-to-face exam with 14 stations of 8-19 minutes duration - after passing AKT and KFP