

# BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING (PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH)

## 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

## BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The **Basic Training (BT)** in Paediatrics & Child Health Program requires:

- 36 months of certified training consisting of:

**Paediatric Rotations** – min 24 months:

Required Rotations	Minimum
General Paediatric Medicine	9 months
Neonatology	3 months
Paediatric Emergency Medicine	3 months
Paediatric Specialty Rotations	3 months
Developmental and Psychosocial Training (during BT or AT)	No min

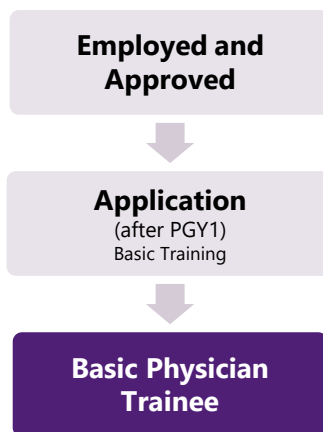
**Optional Rotations** – max 12 months:

Optional Rotations	Maximum
Neonatology in a non-perinatal NICU	12 months
Paediatric Anaesthetics	3 months
Paediatric Intensive Care	6 months
Paediatric Surgery	6 months
Paediatric Nights	6 months
Paediatric Relieving	6 months
Supervised Research, Clinical Improvement Projects or Adult medicine	6 months in total

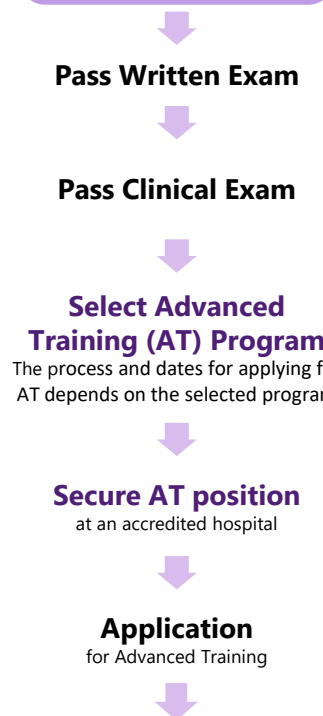
- Completion of a **Paediatric Advanced Life Support** course (or equivalent)

**Before** commencing Advanced Training candidates must:

- Pass a **Written Examination** AND
- Pass a **Clinical Examination**



## Minimum 3 years



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>

The *Basic Training in Paediatrics & Child Health Handbook* outlines the complete program requirements for the RACP Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) Basic Training in Paediatrics & Child Health Program [here](#)

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

BT in Paediatrics & Child Health 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 9 months, max 36 months

### Level 2 teaching hospitals

- no min, max 27 months

### Level 1 teaching hospitals

- Nil

### Secondment hospitals

- no min, max 12 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)

## Paediatric & Child Health Division Programs (3 years)

- Cardiology (Paediatrics)
- Clinical Genetics
- Community Child Health
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General Paediatrics
- Clinical Haematology
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Respiratory & Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology

## Chapter Programs

- (3 years)
- Paediatric Rehabilitation 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