

# OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY TRAINING PATHWAY

## ENTRY/ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply to enter the **Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)** Training Program you must

- Be a registered medical practitioner in the jurisdiction in which you plan to work;
- Have completed PGY2 or above by the start of your first year of training; and
- Have obtained prospective approval to undertake training in an accredited training position.

RANZCOG runs an annual national **Selection Process** for entry into the Specialist Training Program. *The timeline is published on the RANZCOG website [here](#).*

The Selection Process is divided into **three (3) components**

1. **New Zealand** - Selection for training in NZ
2. **Australia - Phase 1** - Selection for the Provincial Integrated Training Program (PITP)\*
3. **Australia - Phase 2** - Selection for remaining Australian states/territories

\* *Specific rural eligibility criteria apply to the PITP*

Applicants may apply for selection in all or some of these components, however, they will only be offered a training position ONCE (i.e. if an applicant is offered a position in an earlier phase, they will NOT be considered for a training post in a subsequent phase).

## TRAINING PROGRAM

The FRANZCOG Training Program is a six-year hospital-based program comprising **Core Training** of 4 years and **Advanced Training** for a further 2 years.

**Core Training** requires:

- Rotation through at least two different hospitals, with a minimum 46 weeks in a hospital other than the trainee's 'home' hospital and 23 weeks in a rural hospital
- Logged clinical work
- Utilising the RANZCOG e-learning platform
- Experience in gynaecological oncology
- Three-monthly and six-monthly assessments by the Training Supervisor (also applies to Advanced Training)
- In-hospital Clinical Assessments
- Workshops, courses and training modules
- FRANZCOG Written Examination
- FRANZCOG Oral Examination

*Details are provided in the FRANZCOG [Training Program Handbook](#)*

**Advanced Training** requires the submission of an annual Learning Plan and completion of compulsory Advanced Training Modules (ATM):

- Generalist Obstetrics ATM (min 26 weeks)
- Generalist Gynaecology ATM (min 26 weeks)

There are recommended procedure numbers that apply to each ATM.

Trainees must also accrue at least 4 research points by completing research in College approved research activities.

## CPD

Successful completion of the RANZCOG Training Program qualifies the trainee for independent practice as a consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Australia and New Zealand, and **Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRANZCOG)**

## Annual Selection Process

for available Training posts

Submit on-line  
**Application & Preferences**  
(during or post PGY2)

Applicants ranked based on  
CV/Application and Referees

**Selected for Interview**

Final score and ranking

**Selected for Position**  
based on ranking and preferences

**RANZCOG Trainee**

**Minimum 6 years**

4 years **Core Training**

2 years **Advanced Training**

**Core Training Program**  
4 years or 184 weeks

**Pass Written Exam**

**Pass Oral Exam**

**Advanced Training Program**  
2 years or 92 weeks

**Admitted to Fellowship**

**Consultant/Staff Specialist**  
FRANZCOG

**CPD**

Meet RANZCOG triennial

CPD requirements

## Steps in the Selection Process

- Available training posts are determined
- Applications open
- Application fee paid
- Online application submitted including preferences for available training posts
- Applicants scored, ranked and shortlisted for interview
- Applicants interviewed and overall score and rank determined
- Training posts allocated based on final ranking and preferences

*The full RANZCOG selection policy and guidelines are available [here](#)*

## Scoring, ranking and weighting:

**Selection for interview:** 90% CV/application, 10% referee reports

**Selection for position on training program (Australia):** 20% CV/application, 10% referee reports, 10% Situational Judgement Testing, 20% institutional references, 40% interview

For more information contact FRANZCOG Training Services: [training@ranzcof.edu.au](mailto:training@ranzcof.edu.au)

## Current fees (\$AUD)

Application fee (non-refundable)	\$1,010
FRANZCOG Annual Training Fee	\$3,365
FRANZCOG Written Examination	\$1,640
FRANZCOG Oral Examination	\$3,140
Annual Subscription Fellows	\$2,485

## Training in Tasmania

Tasmania is part of an Integrated Training Program for Core O&G Training (Years 1-4)

**Hospitals involved:** Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital\*, Monash Medical Centre, North West Regional Hospital (Burnie)\*.

\* *denotes rural hospital rotation*

An Integrated Training Program (ITP) is a group of hospitals that is accredited to provide Core training. Each ITP has a home/base hospital and a number of peripheral and rural hospitals through which trainees rotate in different combinations.

Collectively, these participating hospitals must be able to provide RANZCOG trainees with the range of O&G experiences stipulated in the training and assessment requirements.

For a complete list of all RANZCOG-accredited public hospitals, refer to the FRANZCOG [Training Program Handbook](#) p18

## Other RANZCOG Training

**Certificate of Women's Health (CWH)**

**Diploma and Advanced Diploma** courses (DRANZCOG)

**Prevocational Pathway (PVP)** - focuses on preparation for the entry to the FRANZCOG training program. CWH is a pre-requisite to PVP.

All Tasmania's teaching hospitals are currently accredited for DRANZCOG training but not CWH

**Flexible training options** may be available including:

- Part-time training (not less than 50%) only after first year of Core Training
- Extended leave/interrupted training (max 104 weeks)