

PATHOLOGY TRAINING PATHWAY

ENTRY

To be eligible to apply to enter the **Royal College of Pathologists Australasia (RCPA) Training Program** you must:

- Be a fully registered medical practitioner
- Have completed a minimum of two years (including the intern year) post graduate experience
- Be employed in a training position in an accredited laboratory

Applicants must submit an **Initial Registration Form** on a standard proforma as well as a copy of their **prospective training program** devised by the Supervisor in conjunction with the Trainee.

Each year after Initial Registration as a Trainee, Trainees must **reapply** for Annual Registration and provide a Prospective Training Program.

Training for medical graduates can be undertaken in General or Clinical Pathology or in one of the seven (7) single disciplines: Anatomical Pathology, Chemical Pathology, Genetic Pathology, Forensic Pathology, Haematology, Immunopathology or Microbiology.



FEES (\$AUD) for the 2020 Training Year

Initial Registration Fee	\$110
First Year Training Fee	\$1,375
Annual Training Fee	\$1,375

Examination Fees:

Basic Pathological Sciences (BPS)

• For current medical students	\$165
• For all other applicants	\$700
Single Discipline Part I	\$2,500
Single Discipline Part II	\$2,500

Other fees may also apply. A full list of fees is available [here](#)

Minimum 5 years
Working and training
in accredited laboratories

TRAINING PROGRAM

The **RCPA Training Program** involves 5 years in accredited laboratories and sitting the following 3 exams:

- 1. Basic Pathological Sciences Examination:** This examination is usually taken in the first year of training but may also be taken before commencement of training.
- 2. Discipline specialty Part I:** This is usually taken in the third year of training.
- 3. Discipline specialty Part II:** This is usually taken in the fifth or final year of training.

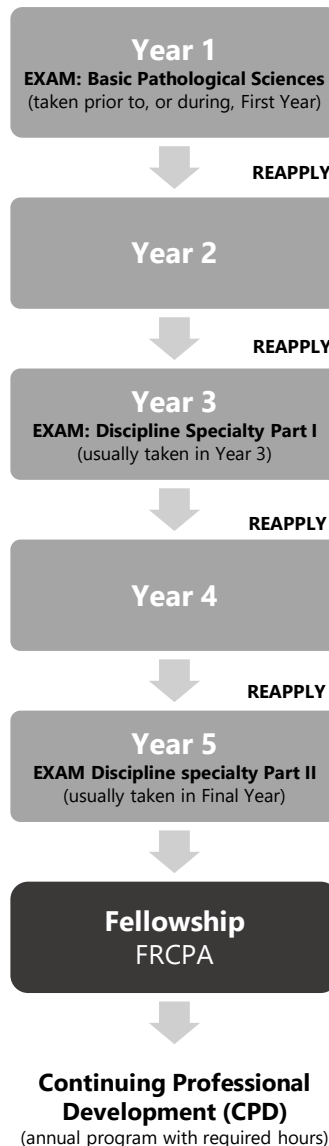
Discipline-specific handbooks for each RCPA program can be downloaded from the RCPA website at <https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Trainees/Curriculum>

Training is normally full-time. A minimum of five full-time equivalent years of certified training in laboratories accredited by the RACP Board of Education and Assessment must be completed before admission to Fellowship.

Joint RCPA and RACP Training

The RCPA training program is linked to the training programs of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians in Chemical Pathology, Haematology, Immunopathology and Microbiology. If you choose these disciplines you may choose to undertake conjoint training and attain dual Fellowships of both Colleges.

For joint training with the RACP one year is retrospectively accredited for the completion of Basic Physician Training.



Tasmanian Accredited Laboratories

RCPA Accredited Laboratories in Tasmania are:

- Hobart Pathology
 - Anatomical Pathology (2 years)
 - Haematology (1 year)
- Launceston Pathology, Launceston General Hospital for the disciplines of
 - Anatomical Pathology (2 years)
 - Haematology (2 years)
- Royal Hobart Hospital for the disciplines of:
 - Microbiology (3 years)
 - Chemical Pathology (3 years)
 - Haematology (4 years)
 - General – Anatomical (2 years)
 - General – Chemical (1 year)
 - General – Haematology (1 year)
 - General – Microbiology (1 year)
 - Microbiology (3 years)
 - Anatomical Pathology (3 years)

Candidates for RCPA pathology qualifications will not be accredited with more than 4 years training in **any one laboratory**.

Tasmanian Training Positions

Anatomical Pathology - four (4) training positions located at the Royal Hobart Hospital with rotations to Hobart Pathology and Tasmanian State Department of Forensic Pathology. Trainees are exposed to all major subspecialty areas.

Haematology - There is a centralised College matching process for Haematology Advanced Training positions

Microbiology - There is one (1) Microbiology training position in Tasmania located at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Other disciplines offer accredited rotations.

CPD

Following successful completion of the required training and examinations, Trainees may apply for **Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (FRCPA)**