

PSYCHIATRY TRAINING PATHWAY

ENTRY/ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply to enter the **Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)** Fellowship Training Program you must:

- Be a registered medical practitioner in the jurisdiction in which you plan to work;
- Have completed at least one year (FTE) of general medical training (PGY1)

Applicants are selected for psychiatry training based on their suitability, skills and experience.

Selection to the RANZCP Fellowship Program is managed by local Branch Training Committees.

To enter psychiatry training, applicants must:

- be selected by a local/Branch Training Committee
- be appointed to a College-accredited training post
- have submitted a signed Application to Register to the College Head Office (separate from the local/Branch application form)
- have submitted a signed Training Agreement to the College Head Office
- have paid the prescribed fees

Apply to enter RANZCP Fellowship Program through local/Branch Training Committee

Selected
by Branch Training Committee

Appointed
to a College accredited training post

Submit Application and Training Agreement to College Head Office

RANZCP Trainee

Minimum 5 years

Applicants are selected based on their:

- written application and curriculum vitae
- referee reports
- performance at interview.

Depending on the number of applicants, applicants may need to be short-listed prior to the interview stage.

For more information contact FRANZCP Training Services: training@ranzcp.org

Current fees (\$AUD)

Initial registration fee	\$683
FRANZCP Annual Training Fee	\$1,810
Annual Subscription – Fellows	\$2,344
Written Exams MCQ	\$1,190
Written Exams Essay	\$1,758
Clinical Exams OSCE	\$2,586

TRAINING PROGRAM

FRANZCP Training is undertaken in three stages:

Stage 1 (12 months FTE)

Basic level adult psychiatry (min 6 months in an acute setting)

Stage 2 (24 months FTE)

Proficient level, mandatory and elective rotations:

- 6 months in a consultation–liaison psychiatry rotation
- 6 months in a child and adolescent psychiatry rotation
- Two x 6-month rotations in any of: addiction psychiatry, adult psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, Indigenous psychiatry or psychiatry of old age

Stage 3 (24 months FTE)

Advanced level, four x 6-month elective rotations in one or more of:

- addiction psychiatry
- adult psychiatry
- child and adolescent psychiatry
- consultation–liaison psychiatry
- forensic psychiatry
- Indigenous psychiatry
- psychiatry of old age
- research/academic psychiatry
- psychotherapies

Stage 1

12 months

Stage 2

24 months

MCQ Exam

Stage 3

24 months

**Essay-style exam
+ OSCE
+ Psychotherapy Written Case
+ Scholarly Project**

Admitted to Fellowship

**Consultant/Staff
Specialist
FRANZCP**

CPD

minimum of 50 hours per
Calendar Year

Assessments – throughout training

- **Workplace-based Assessments (WBAs)**
- **Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)** - 2 EPAs must be attained for each 6-month FTE rotation. Additionally, each Stage has particular EPA requirements.
- **In-Training Assessments (ITAs)**

Assessments - College administered

- **Multiple-choice computer-based (MCQ) Exam** - should be passed by 36 months FTE Recommended for Stage 2.
- **Essay-style exam** - should be passed by 60 months FTE. Recommended for Stage 3.
- **OSCE** - should be passed by 60 months FTE. Recommended for Stage 3.
- **Psychotherapy Written Case** - should be passed by 60 months FTE.
- **Scholarly Project** (original research in an area related to psychiatry) as selected by the trainee – planned early in training and should be passed by 60 months FTE.

Training in Tasmania

Tasmania's training Committee has responsibility for overseeing the training program, a formal educational curriculum, supervisor training, trainee selection and support.

Tasmania, has a designated Director of Training and Directors of Advanced Training.

Tasmanian Branch Office contact: ranzcp.tas@ranzcp.org

Interruptions to Training

Trainees may interrupt their training at any time. Interruptions to training are calculated in calendar time, regardless of the trainee's FTE status before or after a period of interrupted training.

CPD

Successful completion of the RANZCP Training Program qualifies the trainee for independent practice as a consultant in Psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand, and **Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (FRANZCP)**