**BASIC PHYSICIAN TRAINING (ADULT INTERNAL MEDICINE)**

**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:
- General medical registration in Australia or New Zealand
  - 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

The BPT Program requires 36 months of certified training consisting of:

**Core Training** - min 24 months (2 years) including compulsory rotations in:
- **General Medicine** - min 3 months (ideally 6 months) with a maximum of 6 months at any one training site
- **Medical Specialties** – min 12 months (max 6 months in any one specialty)

And OPTIONAL selections in:
- **Emergency Medicine**
- **Anaesthetics**
- **General Paediatrics**
- **Nights/Relieving**
- **Medical Specialties**

**Non-core Training**
May be replaced with additional Core training. At least 12 months must be spent at a Level 3 teaching hospital and at least 3 months outside a level 3 teaching hospital.

https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/adult-internal-medicine

**Advanced Training Eligibility**
Candidates must:
- Pass a Written Examination
- Pass a Clinical Examination

**APPLICATION**

**Basic Physician Trainee**

**Minimum 3 years**

**Core Training**
- minimum 24 months

**Non-Core Training**
- 12 months

**Pass Written Exam**

**Pass Clinical Exam**

**Select Advanced Training (AT) Program**

The process and dates for applying for AT depends on the selected program

**Application**
for Advanced Training

**Secure AT position**
- at an accredited hospital

**Employed and Approved**

**Applications**
Both new and current trainees need to apply/re-register for Basic Training annually:
- Apply online
  https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/basic-training/adult-internal-medicine

**Fees (AUD)**
- Basic Training Fee $3,646
- Written Exam $1,986
- Clinical Exam $2,972

For a full list of RACP fees:
Fees (racp.edu.au)

The Basic Training Handbook outlines the complete program requirements for the RACP Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) Basic Training in Adult Internal Medicine Program available Adult Internal Medicine | Basic Training (racp.edu.au)

BPT is undertaken in different hospital settings with time specified in different levels in teaching hospitals.

Basic Training | RACP Accreditation

**Training at AWH**

Albury Wodonga Health is an accredited Level 2 teaching hospital for Basic Physician training (BPT). Therefore 2 of the 3 training years can be competed at AWH.

Specialties include cardiology, nephrology, endocrinology, hematology, respiratory, infectious diseases, and palliative care.

Advanced training options include geriatrics, medical oncology, hematology, rehabilitation medicine, infectious diseases and palliative care.

Majority of registrars are on secondment, AWH employ approximately 8 directly

The RACP offers specialty Physician training Advanced Training (AT) across a diverse range of medical specialties. For more information about RACP Advanced Training Programs go to: www.racp.edu.au

**Adult Medicine Division Programs** (3 years)
- Cardiology (Adult)
- Clinical Genetics
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General & Acute Care Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine
- Clinical Haematology
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Respiratory & Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology

**Chapter Programs** (3 years)
- Addiction 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

This information sheet is intended as a summary to assist with career planning. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, details should be verified through the relevant Specialist College.

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