

# 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

## BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM

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

**Employed and Approved**

**Application**

(after PGY1)  
Basic Training

**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

### 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 \(racp.edu.au\)](https://www.racp.edu.au/fees)

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 \(racp.edu.au\)](https://www.racp.edu.au/adult-internal-medicine/basic-training)

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

[Basic Training | RACP Accreditation](https://www.racp.edu.au/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 completed 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](https://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

## AT