

RURAL GENERALISM



Rural Generalists are medical practitioners who have trained to gain additional clinical skills in one or more speciality area/s allowing them to work unsupervised in that speciality area in regional, rural and remote communities.

General Practice (GP) training is an essential component of Rural Generalist training and can be completed through either the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) or the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). Information about Rural Generalism should be read in conjunction with the information about GP training.

RACGP Registrars seeking a Rural Generalist pathway must complete an additional 12-months Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) **in addition** to their GP training to be eligible for Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP).

All ACRRM Registrars are required to complete 12 months Advanced Specialised Training (AST) to be eligible for Fellowship (FACRRM).

All ARST or AST training must currently be accredited by the relevant Regional Training Organisation (RTO).

As announced in 2017, the delivery of the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program is currently transitioning from the RTOs to the GP Colleges - ACRRM and RACGP. In NSW and ACT, management and delivery of the AGPT program by ACRRM will commence on 8 August 2022. In the remainder of the states and territories the management and delivery of the program by ACRRM and the RACGP will commence from 1 February 2023.

Victorian Rural Generalist training is coordinated around the state's five health regions. In New South Wales, Rural Generalist training is coordinated at a State level by the NSW Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) on behalf of the Local Health Districts. The South Australian and Tasmanian programs are also coordinated at a State level.

Depending on your preferred training region/location, accredited Rural Generalist training, ARST or AST, may be available in one of the following speciality areas:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health
- Academic Practice
- Adolescent & Youth Health
- Adult Internal Medicine
- Aged Care
- Alcohol & Drug Services
- Anaesthesia
- Emergency Medicine
- Medical Education
- Mental Health
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Palliative Medicine
- Polar Medicine
- Population Health
- Remote Medicine
- Retrieval Medicine
- Surgery (General)

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VICTORIA

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TASMANIA

dhhs.tas.gov.au/gp/about_us/tasmanian_rural_medical_generalist_pathway2

NEW SOUTH WALES

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/nsw-rural-generalist-medical-training-program>