

The Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program is an Australian Government initiative providing training for medical graduates towards fellowship and gaining specialist registration as a general practitioner.

The AGPT program is 3 to 4 years full-time training offered in urban, regional and rural locations, delivered across 11 training regions.

There are 9 regional training organisations (RTOs) delivering training programs in these regions towards 2 vocational qualifications recognised by the Medical Board of Australia and Medicare:

- Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP)
- Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM).



WHICH COLLEGE TO CHOOSE?

Deciding which College training to undertake is a personal decision.

Each college fellowship leads to vocational registration and enables you to work as a general practitioner anywhere in Australia.

ACRRM

- will select 10% of registrars for 2018
- focus and experience of training program based on a rural and remote practice context.

RACGP

- will select 90% of registrars for 2018
- training for any general practice setting – urban, regional, rural or remote
- advanced rural skills available through FARGP pathway.



HOW TO APPLY



- 1500 places available on the AGPT Program for 2018
- ACRRM and RACGP are now responsible for selecting doctors to train as GP registrars in the AGPT program
- Candidates submit an online AGPT application to their preferred college (you can apply to both)
- Australian Government Department of Health reviews eligibility of applicants.

ACRRM

- candidates complete online ACRRM Application (in addition to AGPT application)
- non-refundable \$700 application fee
- referee checks conducted by ACRRM
- successful candidates invited to be interviewed by ACRRM selection team along with their preferred RTO

RACGP

- non-refundable \$725 application fee
- candidates sit an online selection exam (Candidate Assessment Applied Knowledge Test - CAAKT)
- those who meet or exceed the minimum score will be interviewed by one of their nominated RTOs. (The higher your CAAKT score, the more likely you will get an interview with your preferred RTO).

RTOs (in conjunction with Colleges) then make offers to successful candidates for training places commencing in 2018.



SELECTION



ACRRM Selection Criteria

Selection on merit, based on demonstrated:

- commitment to working in rural or remote Australia
- capacity and motivation to acquire skills and knowledge in [ACRRM domains of practice](#)
- connection with rural communities and commitment to meeting their needs
- personal characteristics suited to rural or remote practice

The RACGP CAAKT:

Selection consists of a knowledge test and a situational judgment test:

- The knowledge test uses multiple-choice questions to test clinical knowledge. It is focused on acute emergency situations and potentially serious conditions (rather than a broad range of medical knowledge).
- The situational judgment test assesses judgment in a range of professional scenarios, with a focus on ethical, moral, and legal issues and professionalism. The questions are partly derived from the [RACGP competency profile](#). In preparing for the test, candidates should review how their experience relates to this profile.



KEY DATES*



- 10 April:** Applications for entry into the AGPT Program in 2018 open
- 8 May:** Applications for entry into the AGPT Program in 2018 close
- 30 June:** Department of Health notifies candidates by email of the outcome of their AGPT application
- 10 July:** ACRRM applications close
- 22 July:** RACGP CAAKT
- 5 – 27 August:** Successful candidates invited to attend an interview (with ACRRM selection team for ACRRM candidates) with RTO
- 31 August – 7 September:** First round offers. The RTOs (in conjunction with ACRRM/RACGP) make written offers to successful candidates. Candidates have seven days from receipt of offer to accept.
- 8 September – 31 October:** Second round interviews and offers (ACRRM)

*Candidates are advised to regularly check college websites for the most up to date information and deadlines

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