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# Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program:

## RACGP and ACRRM overviews

To become a specialist general practitioner in Australia, you are required to obtain fellowship with The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and/or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), and obtain vocational registration as a specialist general practitioner.

	RACGP	ACRRM
<b>Duration</b>	3 years—Fellowship of The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) 4 years—FRACGP + Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP)	4 Years
<b>Pathway</b>	Registrars pursuing fellowship with the RACGP can do their AGPT training on either the general or rural pathway. For more information on RACGP Fellowship training, please visit <a href="https://www.racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/fellowship-of-the-racgp/policies/">https://www.racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/fellowship-of-the-racgp/policies/</a>	Registrars pursuing fellowship with ACRRM do their AGPT training on the rural pathway. For more information on ACRRM Fellowship training, please visit <a href="http://www.acrrm.org.au/training-towards-fellowship/overview-of-fellowship-training">http://www.acrrm.org.au/training-towards-fellowship/overview-of-fellowship-training</a>
<b>Program Structure</b>	12 months Hospital Training Time (HTT) 18 months General Practice (GPT1-3) in RACGP accredited facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 x 6 month terms in general practice</li> <li>6 months Extended Skills*</li> </ul> <i>*Can be undertaken at any stage of your training, with the exception of Aboriginal health or general practice placements which have to be after you have completed GPT1-3.</i>	12 months Core Clinical Time (CCT), usually completed in hospital. 24 months Primary Rural and Remote Training (PRRT1-4) in ACRRM accredited facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x 6 months community primary care</li> <li>• 1 x 6 months hospital and emergency care</li> <li>• 1 x 12 months rural/remote experience</li> </ul> 12 months in Advanced Specialised Training (AST)

Both colleges require you to complete mandatory hospital experience. Please see the RACGP and ACRRM websites for details.

*If you have completed additional hospital experience, post general registration, you may be eligible for recognition of prior learning once you commence on the AGPT Program. Please contact your preferred regional training organisation within your preferred training region, or relevant college/s for further information.*

## RACGP

### Fellowship Assessments

- Applied Knowledge Test (AKT), after GPT2 (currently \$2,120)
- Key Feature Problems (KFP), after GPT2 (currently \$2,120)
- Objective Simulated Clinical Examination (OSCE), after passing the Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) and Key Feature Problems (KFP) (currently \$4,200)

For more information on assessments please visit [www.racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/exams/](http://www.racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/exams/)

### Advanced Program Structure

To add the FARGP to FRACGP, 12 months Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) may be done in areas such as:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Anaesthetics
- Adult internal medicine
- Emergency medicine
- General practice
- Obstetrics
- Paediatrics
- Palliative care
- Mental health
- Small town rural general practice
- Surgery

Other posts may be considered by the Rural Censor on application.

### ARST / AST

ARST can be undertaken at any stage. It is recommended that the needs of the community they intend to practise in be taken into consideration when making the choice.

### Membership Requirements

Compulsory for all GP registrars. Current annual membership cost is \$475 for GP registrars.

For more information, go to [www.racgp.org.au/membership](http://www.racgp.org.au/membership)

### Contact Information

Website: [www.racgp.org.au/agpt](http://www.racgp.org.au/agpt)

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## ACRRM

- Procedural Logbook (online)
- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), in second, third or fourth year (\$1,430)
- Multi-source feedback (MSF) (\$451)—feedback from patients and colleagues.
- Case Based Discussion (CBD) assessment, a discussion of six clinical cases; in third or fourth year (\$1,765)
- Structured assessment using multiple patient scenarios (StAMPS) (\$2,965)

For more information on assessments please visit [www.acrrm.org.au/training-towards-fellowship/reporting-and-assessments](http://www.acrrm.org.au/training-towards-fellowship/reporting-and-assessments)

12 months Advanced Specialised Training (AST) in one of the following disciplines:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Academic practice
- Adult internal medicine
- Anaesthetics (JCCA)
- Emergency medicine
- Mental health
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRANZCOG Advanced)
- Paediatrics
- Population health
- Remote medicine, or
- Surgery (24 months).

Advanced Specialised Training curricula assessments are specific to the chosen AST.

AST can be undertaken any time after completing the CCT component.

Compulsory for all GP registrars.

Current annual membership cost is \$410 for GP registrars.

For more information, go to [www.acrrm.org.au/college-membership](http://www.acrrm.org.au/college-membership)

Website: [www.acrrm.org.au/apgt](http://www.acrrm.org.au/apgt)

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Email: [agpt@acrrm.org.au](mailto:agpt@acrrm.org.au)

## Further Information

AGPT Eligibility and application questions

RACGP selection and assessment processes

ACRRM selection and assessment processes

Training region specific questions

Department of Health: [www.agpt.com.au](http://www.agpt.com.au)

RACGP: [www.racgp.org.au/agpt](http://www.racgp.org.au/agpt)

ACRRM: [www.acrrm.org.au/agpt](http://www.acrrm.org.au/agpt)

[www.agpt.com.au/Training-organisations/Training-Organisations-by-State-Territory](http://www.agpt.com.au/Training-organisations/Training-Organisations-by-State-Territory)