



ED 010 Accreditation of ARST and AST Posts Procedure

1. Purpose

To ensure that designated training posts and supervisors are appropriately accredited to provide training and supervision of Murray City Country Coast GP Training (MCCC) registrars who are completing a Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) post or an Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) Advanced Specialised Training (AST) post.

2. Scope

This procedure document applies to all prospective supervisors and training posts and all MCCC staff involved in the accreditation process for ARST and AST posts.

3. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this procedure:

Nil

4. Procedure

Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST)

1. Registrars completing a Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP) are required to satisfactorily complete twelve (12) months (FTE) of Advanced Rural Skills Training in an accredited procedural or non-procedural post. MCCC must ensure the post is accredited for GP training before commencement of a registrar placement.
2. Accreditation for these posts may have already been completed by another body, e.g. the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for the Anaesthetics, or another specialist medical college. MCCC must contact the RACGP National Rural Faculty to ascertain the accreditation status of the proposed placement.
3. If the proposed training post is already accredited, the registrar may commence the application to undertake this ARST.
4. Where the post is not accredited for GP training, MCCC will need to conduct the accreditation as per established procedure, e.g. ED 007 Accreditation of Training Posts and Supervisors Policy and Procedure.

Advanced Specialised Training (AST)

1. Registrars completing the ACRRM fellowship (FACRRM) are required to complete twelve (12) months of Advanced Specialised Training in one of a range of settings, depending on the discipline.
2. ACRRM standards state that Advanced Specialised Training must be undertaken in institutions accredited by ACRRM and, where applicable, the Joint Consultative Committee for Anaesthetics (JCC) or the Royal Australian and New Zealand College for Obstetrics and Gynaecology

(RANZCOG). MCCC must ensure that AST posts are accredited for GP training before commencement of the registrar placement.

3. ACRRM standards for AST also state that accreditation for registrar training should occur in conjunction with the RTO. Therefore MCCC needs to approach ACRRM regarding accreditation of AST posts on a case-by-case basis.

Detailed process of accreditation of Advanced Rural Skills Training and Advanced Specialised Training posts

1. In the disciplines of Anaesthetics and Obstetrics, confirm the details of any previous accreditation for training, being the name of the accrediting body either Joint Consultative Council for Anaesthetics (JCCA) or Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RANZCOG) for obstetric posts and date of last accreditation.
2. If the **post has been accredited** by another body:
 - a) Confirm the supervision arrangements and any changes in supervision since previous accreditation,
 - b) Document the details of the accreditation in MCCC training post accreditation records, including expiry date of this accreditation,
 - c) Inform relevant Regional Accreditation Panel for notation at their next meeting,
 - d) Notify RACGP (ARST) or ACRRM (AST) of MCCC approval of accreditation.
3. If the post **has not been accredited** by another body or is due for **reaccreditation** by MCCC:
 - a) Forward MCCC application documentation “[Application for Accreditation as an Advanced Training Post](#)” to the new prospective post. If a reaccreditation application, this should be six months prior to accreditation expiry date,
 - b) Visit the post and conduct a site visit as per MCCC procedure,
 - c) Complete MCCC AST/ARST site visit report,
 - d) Complete MCCC Accreditation Recommendation Report by the Advanced Skills Post ME
 - e) Submit the report to the Regional Accreditation Panel together with other documentation from the post (including previous registrars’ Training Advisor Review Meeting documentation) to the panel for approval,
 - f) Advise ACRRM of MCCC approval for AST posts and submit for accreditation or re-accreditation,
 - g) Notify RACGP of MCCC approval for ARST posts in MCCC annual accreditation report to RACGP.

5. Related documents or websites

MCCC documents

[ED 007 Training Post & Supervisor Accreditation Reaccreditation Policy](#)

[EDF 010 Application for Accreditation as an Advanced Training Post](#)



External organisation documents

[ACRRM Advanced Specialised Training](#)

[RACGP Essential FARGP and ARST Curriculum Information](#)

6. Document History

Version	Summary of changes
1.0	First version
2.0	Second version
3.0	Third version