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MEDICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Gearing up for stage two of Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) selection

During stage two of the AGPT application and selection process eligible applicants must attend both a National Testing Centre (NTC) and a National Assessment Centre (NAC) to complete two separate assessments:

- Situational Judgement Test (SJT) – being held at designated NTCs from 13 June - 4 July 2016.
- Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) – being held at designated NACs from 24 June - 17 July 2016.

Thanks to MCCC Med Eds and Supervisors who answered the call for assistance at the upcoming National Assessment Centre in Melbourne. MEds Tanya Scott (Metro West) and Ed Poliness (South West) recently briefed our team about processes and requirements.

Opportunity: We are looking to recruit three more people to join the interview team at the Melbourne NAC interview team on Saturday 16 July. If you'd like to know more please contact Jo Hamilton (REAP - North East) who is coordinating the team: jo.hamilton@mccc.com.au

GP REGISTRAR UPDATE

Special skills training for 2017 – check out the opportunities

Many health services and hospitals across our region are advertising special skills opportunities they have available for 2017.

MCCC is cross promoting these opportunities, assisting with eligibility checks (where required) and may be sitting on some interview panels.

TIP: If you are interested in applying for special skills posts in 2017 visit the MCCC website to view latest opportunities or contact your nearest MCCC Regional Manager for more information: Kon Kakris (Metro West), Karen Dixon (North East), Cathy Ward (North West) and Ann Ellis (South West).

Are you taking part in the GPT3 practice match for 2017 ?

If you answered YES to relocating for your GPT3 placement term in our recent survey, you need to take part in a practice match that is open **until 1 July**.

We have added a new feature to the MCCC website (www.mccc.com.au) to help guide registrars through the match. You can use a drop down menu available via the 'where you can train' feature on the home page to view a full list of GPT3 practices with vacancies in your region and browse individual practice profiles for more details.

Next steps:

Once you have browsed GPT3 vacancy information, please

- make a list of practices that will suit your needs
- contact the practice to express your interest in an interview and send through your resume. You must interview with a minimum of three practices to qualify your preferences for consideration. Please do not discuss how you will preference with the practice.
- submit your preferences via a link that will be sent to you before the end of the match on 1 July. You will need to submit at least three preferences to be valid.

TIP: Please ensure that you only approach practices that are accredited for your college and your pathway (General Pathway Registrars will not be matched to Rural Practices and vice versa).

MCCC needs to be fair with registrar distribution and there may be additional factors that will influence the final match outcomes.

Once we have received preferences from both registrars and practices, MCCC will complete the practice match and notify both parties of the match outcome.

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PRACTICE SUPPORT

Reminder: Please submit registrar reports by end of July to receive your \$600 payment

If you have a GPT1 or GPT2 registrar at your practice, please remind the registrar/s and their Supervisor to submit their completion of term report by the end of July. Once MCCC receives and approves receipt of this report, your practice will receive the \$600 completion of term payment.

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Congrats to Victorian RACGP Fellow, **Associate Professor Vicki Kotsirilos**, who was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours for significant service to integrative medicine, to health practitioner standards and regulation, to medical education, and to the environment.

REGIONAL ROUND UP

- **Metro West: Dr Catherine Itman** PhD will soon join the Metro West Admin team to boost Training Support capacity. Catherine has previous experience in health and community services sectors, and will bring project management and related skills to the TSO role.
- **North East:** Welcome to **James Moon** who recently commenced as Training Support Officer (TSO) in the North East. James comes to MCCC with experience as a K-12 teacher, a youth/education worker and administrative roles in the welfare sector, the public service and other professional organisations. Farewell and thanks to **Robyn Jones** who is leaving the finance team.
- **North West:** The North West team has completed a very busy fortnight, with an Aboriginal Health Workshop held in Swan Hill and an exam readiness workshop held in Bendigo. The Aboriginal Health Workshop was particularly successful due to the engagement with the local community in

Swan Hill and the support of the Mallee District Aboriginal Services. Our Administration and Medical Educator teams enjoyed the opportunity to meet with registrars from all levels face-to-face.

- **South West:** Welcome to **Natalie Thomson** who commenced as Administrative Officer/Executive Assistant this week. Natalie has an extensive administration background in professional organisations in Australia and overseas. Most recently she was an Organisational Services Assistant with the Western Victoria Primary Health Network, she has provided administrative support in a medical practice and spent five years as the Assistant to the Director of Nursing at a large aged care facility. Early in her career she spent five years at the Deakin University's Warrnambool campus in student services and faculty positions.

COMING UP

27 June: Deadline for abstract submissions for Rural Medicine Australia 2016 (20-22 October, Canberra). More details at www.acrrm.com.au

3-10 July: NAIDOC Week: NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Read more here: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/> Visit the MCCC website for events coming up in our region.

TIP: Visit the [calendar](#) on the MCCC website for dates of upcoming workshops and events.