

GP TRAINING IN THE NORTH WEST REGION

ABOUT JCU'S GP TRAINING PROGRAM

James Cook University through its General Practice Training program, is the regional provider of Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Registrars training with JCU have a choice of clinically diverse and rewarding training posts, offering the opportunity to develop an extended scope of practice in well supported and educationally enriching clinical environments.

OUR TRAINING REGION

We serve a population of more than 1.5 million people across a diverse geographical area. North Western Queensland offers a vivid mix of people and landscapes.

The training posts extend from remote tropical settings to regional centres, outback towns and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.



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TRAINING IN THE NORTH WEST REGION

There are nine main placement sites in the North West region where you may be based during your GP training. These include: Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Julia Creek, Karumba, Mornington Island, Mt Isa and Normanton.

North Western Queensland provides registrars with unique opportunities to gain medical knowledge and experiences in a region of scenic landscapes and rich Aboriginal culture.

Training posts provide opportunities across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, retrieval medicine, mental health, sexual health, minor surgery, Public Health, obstetrics and occupational medicine within the surrounding mine industry.

We serve a population of over 1.5 million people across a large and diverse geographical area. The GMT regional office network delivers training and education that is community-oriented and engaged and connected to issues of relevance to the region.

Hospitals are established in Mount Isa and Cloncurry with visiting health services from the Mount Isa Hospital to Cloncurry regularly. The North West Hospital and Health Services includes nine hospitals.



LIFESTYLE IN THE NORTH WEST REGION



Known as the oasis of the outback, North Western Queensland offers a vivid mix of people and landscapes – from glorious beaches and mountains, hinterlands, spectacular rainforests, rich farmland, to wide savannah country, wilderness and the red soil of the Australian outback.



The North West region is rich in Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander culture. It also has a strong a cattle, fishing and mining industry.



Ample places to fish, camp, relax and enjoy the outback sunset. The rugged terrain makes the region perfect for the four wheeler adventurer. Explore nature's beauty by canoeing the gentle gorge and creek at Adels Grove. Here you can camp or stay at a bed and breakfast.



60 kms north of Hughenden you will find the Porcupine National Park (often called Australia's Mini Grand Canyon). Here you will discover the towering cliffs of coloured sandstone, forests and waterholes.



ATTRACTIONS IN THE NORTH WEST REGION

MOUNT ISA

Mount Isa is the rodeo capital of Australia, hosting the largest rodeo in the Southern Hemisphere. It is the biggest event of the year in the region and has been going since 1959. The event is full of action from bull riding, saddle bronc, bareback bronc, rope and tie, poddy riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and breakaway roping. The event also includes live performances, the Isa Street Festival and Rodeo Queen Quest.

LAKE MOONDARRA

Lake Moondarra is situated just 17 kilometres north of the city centre of Mount Isa. It provides water to the city and the adjacent Mount Isa Mines. Access to the lake is by a sealed road and offers a picturesque shoreline drive. The lake is a popular place for locals and tourists to visit because of its spectacular scenery. The lake's safe, still water encourages swimming, boating, sailing and canoeing. It has also been stocked with barramundi to lure the anglers for an excellent spot of fishing.

NORMANTON

Normanton is known as the Barramundi Capital of the North, with locals often catching in excess of 5kg.



JULIA CREEK

Discover the outback at the annual Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival which hosts sprint triathlon, horse races, bull rides, live music, bog snorkelling. The event is renowned for being one of the toughest triathlons in Australia.

CLONCURRY

Visit the John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery, which takes a historic look at John Flynn and Alfred Traeger and the pioneers involved in the Royal Flying Doctor Service which started in Cloncurry in 1928.

RIVERSLEIGH

The hot dry savanna of north-western Queensland is the unlikely home of one of the world's most important and abundant fossil deposits. Since the early 1980s a continual stream of amazing fossils preserved in the most exquisite detail has dazzled paleontologists around the world. Riversleigh is a locality that contains hundreds of fossil sites that span an age from about 25 million years ago to a few tens of thousands of years old.

“Mount Isa has provided fantastic training opportunities for me, from student placements and internship right through to a paediatric advanced skill training post in a regional hospital with outreach to remote communities. Not only is it an incredible place to train, it’s an amazing place to live and explore. Great people, great place, great opportunities.”

Dr Erica West
JCU GP Registrar, Mount Isa