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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For the outdoor lovers, there is plenty to do including golfing, walking, mountain biking, surfing, horse-riding trails, cruises, fishing, sailing, hiking, canoeing, boating and swimming.

The Sunshine Coast is north of Brisbane and includes various towns in which you may undergo your placement. These towns include: Beerwah, Caloundra, Gympie, Malaney, Maroochydore and Nambour.

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service provide a comprehensive range of services through the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, Nambour General Hospital, Caloundra Health Service, Gympie Hospital and Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

The Sunshine Coast University Hospital commenced services in March 2017, and will expand to a 738-bed facility by 2021.

LIFESTYLE IN THE SUNSHINE COAST REGION

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ATTRACTIONS IN THE SUNSHINE COAST REGION

THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND
Malaney sits above the Sunshine Coast on the Blackall Range, where there are amazing views to the Glasshouse Mountains.

The Mapleton Falls National Park is ideal for hikers, mountain bikers and birdwatchers, where you will be surrounded by a lush landscape.

Nambour hosts a number of events including the annual Big Pineapple Music Festival, Queensland Garden Expo and The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show.

CALOUNDRA
Just an hour north of Brisbane is Caloundra where you can enjoy a laidback lifestyle with its award winning beaches, market scene, and busy festival and event schedule.

MAROOCHYDORE / MOOLOOLABA
Maroochydore is considered the heart of the Sunshine Coast, with its commercial and business centre and the largest shopping complex on the Sunshine Coast.

Mooloolaba Beach has been featured on Trip Advisor’s Top 10 Beaches list two years in a row and its surf club is one of the premier Surf Lifesaving Clubs in Australia. Savour the fresh, juicy prawns direct from the trawlers at Mooloolaba Spit or take a leisurely twilight canal cruise.

NOOSA
Noosa has a relaxed and casual lifestyle and offers a diverse landscape from beaches to riverside areas and hinterland communities. For those who are keen surfers, Point Break in Noosa is one of the most sought after long-board breaks in the world.

Noosa is renowned for its boutique shopping and nationally acclaimed restaurants. The Noosa National Park is where you will discover turquoise water, dolphins, white sand and native forests with koalas.

The town hosts a number of festivals including the Noosa Food and Wine Festival, Surf Life Saving carnivals, and the largest triathlon event in the world - the Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival.

GYMPIE
Gympie has a vast landscape, from white beaches to the green hinterlands. It is also home to The Gympie Music Muster; a camping and festival experience like no other featuring an 100% homegrown Aussie lineup under one big open roof.

Mary Valley with its rolling hills and national parks offer a diverse range of activities such as camping, canoeing, four wheel driving, horse riding, with quaint B&B’s, homesteads and farmstays to choose from.

To the west are the agricultural townships of Kilkivan famous for the great Kilkivan Horse ride with over 1000 horses and riders gathering for the annual event.

Tin Can Bay is famous for its dolphin feeding and is also a sailing and fishing haven. Its annual Seafood Festival is a gourmet’s must.
The natural beauty and peaceful lifestyle of the Sunshine Coast was absolutely attractive. I am lucky to be in a position where I can enjoy living in a beautiful place and achieve an excellent work-life balance, all while completing my training to become a GP.

Dr Nadee Wickramasuriya
JCU GP Registrar, Sunshine Coast

It has been a transmortative experience working and living in the Hinterland Region. Training in Maleny has given me the perfect work-life balance that I need as a starting GP Registrar. It is a real privilege being a part of this beautiful community.

Dr Wayne Lee
JCU GP Registrar, Maleny