

NORTHERN QUEENSLAND REGIONAL TRAINING HUBS

PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE

How to apply for a specialist training position in Public Health Medicine

Applicants will first need to complete Basic Physician training and can apply at [Queensland Basic Physician Training \(Adult Medicine Network\)](#).

Queensland Basic Physician Training Network (Adult Medicine)

The Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network is a statewide network designed to support Queensland Trainees over the 3-year course of basic training.

Queensland Health is responsible for and oversees the Queensland Basic Training (Adult Medicine) network. In Queensland, approval of basic training is limited to medical officers that have been formally selected into one of the 5 Training networks. In order to be eligible for a network position prior to commencement of training, applicants must hold general registration with AHPRA, be eligible for registration with RACP as a basic physician trainee and have a minimum of 20 weeks experience in general medicine or medical specialties further outlined here.

Please refer to the [Public Health Medicine Handbook](#) on the RACP website.

Find out more about Queensland-specific workforce demographics and specialty information:

<https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au/careers/medicine/public-health-medicine>

Entry Requirements

- ✓ General Medical Registration
- ✓ Minimum three years post-graduate medical experience
- ✓ Completed Master of Public Health (MPH) (or equivalent)
- ✓ Appointment to an approved public health training position
- ✓ Refer to the [Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#) for further information in relation to selection into the training program

Total Training Time

3 years (full-time)

- Advanced Training in Public Health Medicine requires three years of full-time equivalent (FTE) training at an accredited training site.

Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

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Training program				Course Requirements							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Types of training accredited for over the 3 year training program:	Min time in a Level 3 Hospital (Months)	Max time allowed in Level 3 Training Hospital (Months)	Max time allowed in Level 2 Hospital (Months)	Max time allowed in Secondment Hospital (Months)	Rotations to which site	Min time in general & acute care medicine (Months)	Max time of non-core training (can be replaced by additional core training; Months)	Min time in medical specialties (Months)
Site	Type of training accredited for over the three year training program			12	36	24	6		3	12	12
The Townsville University Hospital	Level 3 Teaching Hospital - allows up to 36 months of Basic Physician Training. Secondment to Mt Isa is not compulsory but does accept 4 trainees per year.			✓	✓			2 x Specialty rotations - dependent on specialty			Cardiology, Clinical Haematology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Medical Oncology, Nephrology, Neurology Palliative Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine, Respiratory & Sleep Medicine, Intensive Care Unit. The following are not available in northern Queensland: Clinical Genetics, Clinical Immunology & Allergy, Clinical Pharmacology, Rheumatology
Cairns Hospital	Level 3 Teaching Hospital			✓	✓			Atherton & Innisfail Hospitals			
Mackay Base Hospital	Level 2 Teaching Hospital - Trainees must spend the additional 12 months at a Level 3 Teaching Hospital					✓		RBWH, SCUH, TPCH, Caboolture, Redcliffe, Rockhampton Hospitals			

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Additional information

1. In Queensland, first year basic training positions (BPT1) are recruited and managed directly by the individual Hospital and Health Services (HHS), not via the network. These appointments are generally Junior House Officers or Senior House Officer position level. Visit the available positions webpage (www.health.qld.gov.au/rmo) for further details.
2. Second and third year basic physician training placements (BPT2 and BPT3) are recruited and managed through the Queensland basic physician training network. These are Registrar level appointments.

3 Year Training Pathway Rotations

Far North Rotation

Year 1 (interchangeable with Year 2)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1)	Year 3
12 months	12 months	12 months
Cairns Hospital	3 - 6 months Atherton Hospital OR Innisfail Hospital	6 - 9 months Cairns Hospital Cairns Hospital

North QLD Rotation

Year 1 (interchangeable with Year 2)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1)	Year 3 - Semester
12 months	6-9 months	12 months
Townsville University Hospital	Townsville University Hospital	Mt Isa Townsville University Hospital

FAR NORTH ROTATION

- Cairns Hospital

Secondment Sites:

- Atherton Hospital
- Innisfail Hospital

NORTH QLD ROTATION

- Townsville University Hospital

Secondment Sites:

- Mt Isa

NORTHSIDE ROTATION

- Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- The Prince Charles Hospital
- Caboolture Hospital
- Mackay Hospital
- Redcliffe Hospital
- Rockhampton Hospital

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Training Setting	Position and Organisation
Army Malaria Institute	Research Medical Officer - Australian Defence Force
Cairns Public Health Network - Apunipima Cape York Health Council - Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service	Public Health Registrar - Apunipima Cape York Health Council
Centre of Chronic Disease Prevention, College of Public Health	AFPHM Registrar - James Cook University
Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council (QAIHC) - Townsville - Cairns	Public Health Registrar
Queensland Health Public Health Medicine Training Network - Townsville Public Health Unit - Tropical Public Health Service Cairns (Cairns Public Health Unit)	Public Health Registrar - Queensland Health

Additional information

1. Over the course of three years of training, clinical and/or laboratory work may not exceed a total of 12 units/months
2. Program requirements are made up of formative and summative assessments, teaching and learning activities, the type and duration of rotations, course work and other requirements, such as minimum overall duration of training.