



NORTHERN QUEENSLAND REGIONAL TRAINING HUBS

ENDOCRINOLOGY

How to apply for a specialist training position in Endocrinology

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](#).

All training positions are managed centrally through Queensland Endocrinology Advanced Training Pathway. Apply online through the [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) campaign](#).

OR

Applicants will first need to complete [Queensland Basic Paediatric Training](#).

Queensland Basic Paediatric Training

Endocrinology training positions are managed centrally through the Queensland Endocrinology Training Network. Applicants are also required to apply to the Advanced Training in Endocrinology Program through RACP. Applicants who have applied to be selected onto the Advanced Training in Endocrinology Program must complete the online through the [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) Campaign](#).

Find out more about Queensland-specific workforce demographics and specialty information: <https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au/careers/medicine/endocrinology/>

Entry Requirements

- ✓ Current medical registration
- ✓ Completion of Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Basic Physician Training, including the RACP written and clinical examinations
- ✓ Employment in an appropriate Advanced Training position
- ✓ Refer to the [Royal Australasian College of Physicians](#) for further information in relation to selection into the training program

Total Training Time 6 years (full-time)

Basic Adult Medicine: 36 months (full-time) basic training

- 24 months (full-time) core training (including three months General and Acute Care Medicine and 12 months in medical specialties)
- Maximum of 12 months non-core training

OR

Basic Paediatric and Child Health: 36 months (full-time)

- Minimum of 24 months (full-time)
- Core training (including a minimum of nine months General Paediatric Medicine, three months Paediatric Emergency Medicine, three months Neonatology in a perinatal unit, and three months in a paediatric medical specialty)
- Maximum of 12 months (full-time) non-core training

Advanced Endocrinology Training: 36 months (full-time)

- 24 months (full-time) core training (including 12 months Required Clinical Training)
- 12 months (full-time) non-core training

Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

College: The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

Training program				Course Requirements							
	Year 1 Types of training accredited for over the 3 year trianing program:	Year 2	Year 3	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,
Cairns Hospital	Level 3 Teaching Hospital			✓	✓			Atherton & Innisfail Hospitals			Neurology Palliative Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine, Respiratory & Sleep Medicine,
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			Intensive Care Unit. The following are not available in northern Queensland: Clinical Genetics, Clinical Immunology & Allergy, Clinical Pharmacology, Rheumatology

Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

College: The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

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

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

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

Training Pathway for General Paediatrics - Basic Training

College: The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

		Training Program (Paediatrics rotation 24 month)					Course Requirements				
		General Paediatric rotation	Paediatric Emergency Medicine rotation	Neonatology rotation in a perinatal unit	Paediatric specialty rotations**	Required or optional rotations***	Max training time allowed in a Level 2 Hospital	Min training time required in a Level 2 Hospital	Max training time allowed in a Secondment Hospital	Min training time required in a Secondment Hospital	Min training time required in a Level 3 Hospital*
Site	Level Teaching Hospital	9 (minimum months)	3 (minimum months)	3 (minimum months)	3 (minimum months)	12 (minimum months)					
The Townsville University Hospital	Level 2	✓		✓	✓	✓	27	0	-	-	9
Cairns Hospital	Secondment	✓				✓	-	-	12	0	9
Mackay Base Hospital	Secondment	✓				✓	-	-	12	0	9
Mt Isa Base Hospital	Secondment	✓				✓	-	-	12	0	9

Additional information

1. ** Adolescent health, cardiology, clinical genetics, clinical pharmacology, endocrinology, gastroenterology/hepatology, haematology, immunology/allergy, infectious diseases, medical oncology, metabolic, nephrology, neurology, palliative medicine, rehabilitation, respiratory and sleep medicine and rheumatology. Queensland Children's Hospital does not have a NICU But does have a PICU.

2. *** Neonatology in non-perinatal NICU, Paediatrics anaesthetics, PICU, Paediatric surgery, Paediatric nights, Paediatric relieving, Supervised research, Clinical improvement projects, Adult medicine rotations (Dermatology, GP, O&G). Conditions and max amount of times apply.

3. It is a course requirement that a 6 month rotation in Developmental & Psychosocial training be completed in either Basic or Advanced Training.

4. Max total of 12 months across both perinatal and non-perinatal NICU.

Training Pathway for General Paediatrics - Basic Training

Additional information

Network trainees will be allocated to a single rotation for the duration of their training. Trainees will be pre-allocated 3 x 12 month training placements at the hospitals within the rotation for the durations of the network training.

TOWNSVILLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ROTATION

- **The Townsville University Hospital**
- Queensland Children's Hospital Children's Hospital
- Logan Hospital
- Ipswich Hospital

TOWNSVILLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ROTATION INCLUDING ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL

- **The Townsville University Hospital** - 12 months
- Queensland Children's Hospital Children's Hospital - 12 months
- The Royal Darwin Hospital - 12 months

GOLD COAST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ROTATION

- Gold Coast University Hospital
- Queensland Children's Hospital Children's Hospital
- Logan Hospital
- Redland Hospital

QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ROTATION

- Queensland Children's Hospital
- Rockhampton Hospital
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- **Mackay Base Hospital**
- Redcliffe Hospital
- Caboolture Hospital
- **Cairns Hospital**
- Bundaberg Hospital
- Logan Hospital
- Toowoomba Hospital
- Hervey Bay Hospital
- Ipswich Hospital
- Redland Hospital
- The Prince Charles Hospital

POSSIBLE 3 YEAR TRAINING PATHWAY ROTATIONS:

The Townsville University Hospital Rotation

Year 1 (interchangeable with Year 2 or 3)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 3)	Year 3 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 2)
12 months	12 months	12 months
The Townsville University Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital	The Townsville University Hospital

Queensland Children's Hospital Rotation

Year 1 (interchangeable with Year 2 or 3)	Year 2 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 3)	Year 3 (interchangeable with Year 1 or 2)
12 months	12 months	12 months
Queensland Children's Hospital	Mackay Base Hospital or Cairns Hospital	Queensland Children's Hospital

Training Pathway for Advanced Endocrinology

College: The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

Adult Internal Medicine Basic Training must be completed prior to commencing Advanced Training.

Training Program			
Site	Core Training		Non-Core Training
	12 months required clinical training (RCT)	12 months core training	12 months
Townsville University Hospital	✓	✓	✓
Cairns Hospital	A 3 month rotation to either Atherton, Mt Isa or Innisfail Hospital is required during the 3 year training period.		
	✓	✓	✓

Additional information

Townsville University Hospital is a level three training hospital with no RACP requirement to rotate to a secondment site. Network trainees are rostered to two specialty rotations each year consistent with training requirements. Structured Consultant delivered educational sessions over the 2 year program are targeted to prepare candidates for success at the RACP written and clinical exams. e scored above State Average in 2018 RACP written and clinical exams.

Cairns Hospital - Although trainees will spend most of their time in Cairns Hospital, a three month rotation to either, Atherton, Mt Isa or Innisfail Hospital is required once during the 3 year training period. With consultant-lead daily teaching roster and an intensive exam preparation schedule, in 2016, Cairns Hospital ranked highest in Queensland for RACP written exam results.