How to apply for a specialist training position in Infectious Diseases

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.

OR

Applicants will first need to complete Queensland Basic Paediatric Training.

Applications are managed centrally through the Queensland Infectious Diseases Advanced Training Program. Applicants apply via Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Campaign.

Entry Requirements

✓ General medical registration
✓ Completion of Basic Physician Training in Adult Internal Medicine or Paediatric and Child Health
✓ Employment in an accredited 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 specialities)
  • 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 Infectious Disease Training: 36 months (full-time)
  • 24 months (full-time) core training in infectious diseases
  • 6 months (full-time) core training in microbiology
  • 6 months (full-time) non-core training
### Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

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<th>Site</th>
<th>Type of training accredited for over the three year training program</th>
<th>Min time in a Level 3 Hospital (Months)</th>
<th>Max time allowed in Level 3 Training Hospital (Months)</th>
<th>Max time allowed in Level 2 Hospital (Months)</th>
<th>Max time allowed in Secondment Hospital (Months)</th>
<th>Rotations to which site</th>
<th>Min time in general &amp; acute care medicine (Months)</th>
<th>Max time of non-core training (can be replaced by additional core training; Months)</th>
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<td>Cardiology, Clinical Haematology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Medical Oncology, Nephrology, Neurology Palliative Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine, Respiratory &amp; Sleep Medicine, Intensive Care Unit. The following are not available in northern Queensland: Clinical Genetics, Clinical Immunology &amp; Allergy, Clinical Pharmacology, Rheumatology</td>
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Training Pathway for Adult Internal Medicine - Basic Training

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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

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##### North QLD Rotation

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### 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 Pathway for General Paediatrics - Basic Training

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<th>Site</th>
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<th>Neonatology rotation in a perinatal unit (minimum months)</th>
<th>Paediatric specialty rotations**</th>
<th>Required or optional rotations***</th>
<th>Max training time allowed in a Level 2 Hospital (minimum months)</th>
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**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
- Logan Hospital
- Ipswich 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:

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Training Pathway for Advanced Infectious Diseases

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

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<th>Max total core training OR required Clinical Training time allowed</th>
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<td>12 months Core Infectious Diseases OR 6 months/6 months Core Infectious Diseases / Core Microbiology (not RCPA)</td>
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Program requirements
- 24 months core training (usually 12 months at a larger facility and 12 months in a smaller location to ensure exposure to variety of infectious diseases)
- Min 6 months Microbiology training