

# Australian General Practice Training Guide

## What is AGPT?

Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) is a vocational training program for medical officers wishing to pursue a career in general practice and / or rural and remote medicine in Australia. The AGPT program is funded by the Australian Government.

Through AGPT, colleges deliver curricula to allow registrars to attain a general practice fellowship. Rural Generalist trainees are required to complete Fellowship of:

- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners - Rural Generalist (FRACGP-RG) or
- Australian College Rural Remote Medicine (ACRRM)

This guide assists trainees to find application and training option information. It is recommended that trainees seek advice from their Rural Generalist Training Advisor (RGTA) before making application and throughout the process as required.

There are alternative training options to AGPT, some of which are self-funded. More information is available [here](#).

## What is the difference between AGPT, colleges and the QRGP?

We've provided some information in the [appendix](#) of this guide to illustrate how the parties involved in your general practice training fit together.

## When should I apply to join AGPT?

This is an individual decision based on many factors. It is expected that QRGP trainees will be enrolled on a primary care Fellowship pathway by PGY 3. We strongly recommend enrolment prior to commencing Advanced Skills Training. This ensures the training you do will count, the curriculum will be met and you will have the educational support of your college

## When do AGPT applications open and how do I apply?

The application and selection process is coordinated by the relevant college/s you apply to. For more information and to apply, visit the [ACRRM](#) and [RACGP](#) websites. For AGPT eligibility information, please refer to the AGPT Eligibility Guide on the [AGPT website](#).

## Which AGPT Pathway should I apply to? The Rural Pathway or General Pathway?

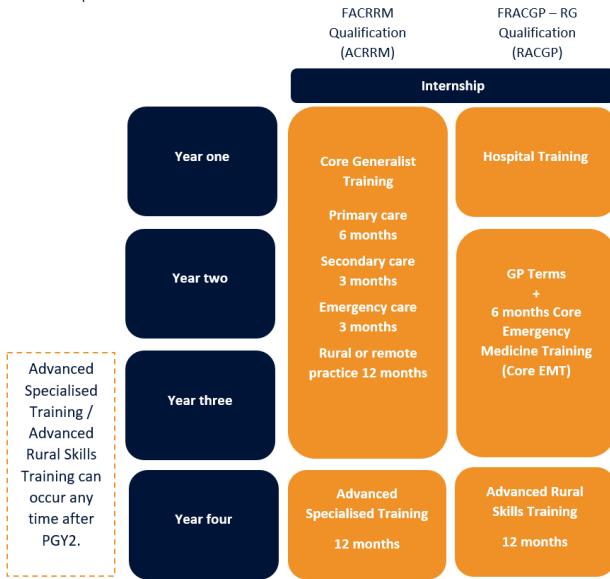
QRGP trainees are encouraged to select the AGPT Rural Pathway on application.

AGPT applicants will be asked if they are enrolled in other training programs. QRGP trainees should select the option 'I am an enrolled Rural Generalist Trainee' and select Queensland as the state. As the QRGP and AGPT Rural Pathway are distinctly separate programs, AGPT applicants who indicate Queensland Rural Generalist Trainee enrolment status are not applying or reapplying to the QRGP. Likewise, QRGP trainees are not granted automatic entry to the AGPT Rural Pathway.

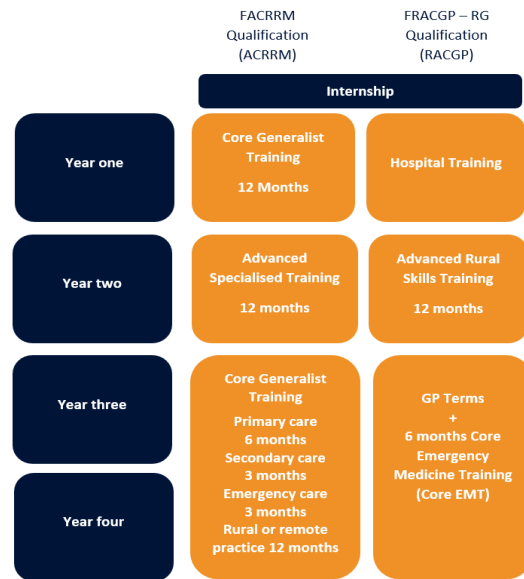
## What does AGPT training look like?

Below are two examples of training progression for each college. Please note that Advanced Specialised Training / Advanced Rural Skills Training can occur any time after PGY 2.

Example 1



Example 2



### Who should I contact if I have questions?

If your question relates specifically to the application process the colleges coordinate, or you would like to find out more information about each college, please contact the appropriate organisation directly.

For assistance regarding how AGPT and your choice of college will fit with your Rural Generalist training, please contact your RGTA or the QRGP team on 1800 680 291 or [rural\\_generalist@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au).

## Appendix: How AGPT, colleges and the QRGF fit together

Organisation/Program	Function	Scope	Duration
AGPT	AGPT is a postgraduate vocational training program for medical officers pursuing a career in general practice or rural generalism. AGPT funding is made available to colleges for delivery of the AGPT program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund training</li> <li>• Make training places available to colleges</li> </ul>	From commencement on AGPT through until completion of program (generally four years).
College	Set professional medical standards for general practice which lead to full vocational recognition for Medicare A1 item numbers and unsupervised practice. Deliver training program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate AGPT application and selection process</li> <li>• Develop and maintain curriculum and training and assessment standards</li> <li>• Confer fellowship</li> <li>• Monitor continuing professional development</li> <li>• Recruit registrars</li> <li>• Develop individual learning plans for registrars</li> <li>• Deliver training through a network of approved training locations and educational activities</li> <li>• Guide and monitor training progress and completion</li> </ul>	From enrolment to completion of training and continuing professional development.
Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway	Provide medical graduates with a supported training pathway to a career in rural and remote medicine; and rural and remote communities with a skilled medical workforce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit final year medical students / postgraduate medical officers interested in a rural medical career</li> <li>• Provide education, training and case management from commencement to completion of training and beyond</li> <li>• Assist with placement</li> <li>• Guide and monitor career planning intentions and outcomes</li> </ul>	From final year medical school to alumni involvement.

