

Diploma of Rural Generalist Anaesthesia (DRGA)

This fact sheet is intended to assist trainees in preparing to make application for the [DRGA](#). For more information visit: [ANZCA | Diploma of Rural Generalist Anaesthesia](#).

Eligibility

- Be enrolled in general practice training with RACGP or ACRRM and have completed at least one year of GP fellowship training OR have completed fellowship with RACGP or ACRRM.
 - In consultation with your Rural Generalist Training Advisor, consider early sign up to your preferred college:
 1. [ACRRM](#)
 2. [RACGP](#)
 - If RACGP, you will need to sign up for [RACGP-RG](#)
- Have obtained a position approved for rural generalist anaesthesia training; and
- Have completed an accredited Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS-2) course within 52 calendar weeks prior to commencing DRGA.
 - Queensland courses:
 1. [Book Advanced Life Support Courses | Advanced Resuscitation Training \(alstraining.com.au\)](#)
 2. [ALS Course Dates - Australian Resuscitation Council](#)

Recommended Pre-Learning

Experience in rural generalist practice.

- Chronologically:
 - Medical student
 - experience in rural hospitals/GPs as a rural medical student
 - Resident/Registrar years
 - experience via rural rotations into RG practices/hospitals such as:
 - [John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program \(JFPDP\)](#) | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. The QRGP is involved in JFPDP, contact the team for more information.
 - Experience as a rural PHO. Examples of opportunities available at: [Vocational Employment | QRGP \(ruralgeneralist.qld.gov.au\)](#)
 - Vocational Training
 - Experience in a rural generalist model in a rural location
- Knowledge and skills in managing paediatric patients (refer to RACGP or ACRRM primary fellowship requirements).
 - experience in paediatrics, such as a QRGP prevocational training term

- RACGP/ACRRM paediatric make-up if unable to obtain full paediatric term
 - RACGP
 - [RACGP - Mandatory Hospital Term Requirements](#)
 - ACRRM
 - [Fellowship Training Program Handbook \(acrrm.org.au\)](#) (Pg 8)
- Knowledge and skills in the management of critically ill patients, which may include:
 - 10 weeks FTE clinical experience in intensive care medicine; or
 - 10 weeks FTE clinical experience in Emergency medicine and completion of a course which covers essential and fundamental aspects of Intensive Care; or
 - A combination of clinical experience and education which demonstrates achievement of intensive care medicine learning.
 - Rotations:
 - Emergency +/- ICU +/- Anaesthetics
 - Encourage rotation in resident years
 - Courses
 - Covering essential/fundamental aspects of Intensive Care
 - [CICM - Courses and Events](#)