



Pathology

Northern Territory Medical Career Pathways

Flinders NT Regional Training Hub

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Pathology – The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA)

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) is the leading organisation representing Pathologists and Senior Scientists in Australasia.

Read more about the RCPA [here](#)



Entry requirements

- Evidence of 2 years of clinical experience as an Intern or Resident Medical Officer
- For Joint Trainees, a copy of your “Royal College Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) annual application”
- For Australian citizens/permanent residents whose basic primary medical qualification

was not gained in Australia or New Zealand, proof of having passed the AMC assessment to work as a doctor.

How to Apply

- Before applying for training with the College, the Trainee must be employed in a training position in a College accredited site. Once employment and supervision have been secured, the prospective Trainee must submit an Initial Registration application to the College and a copy of their prospective training program
- Prospective pathology Trainees are strongly advised to consult the relevant State Training Network Coordinator before applying to train.

Total Training Time

Pathology medical speciality is a five-year training program in accredited laboratories and sitting of three exams. Training can be undertaken in General or Clinical Pathology or in one of the single disciplines: Anatomical Pathology, Chemical Pathology, Genetic Pathology, Forensic Pathology, Haematology, Immunopathology or Microbiology.

- Foundation: first year of training
- Core: mid program/part one level
- Transition to Fellowship: end of program standard.

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Training Site	Foundation - 12 months	Core - 12 months	Transition to Fellowship - 12 months	Notes
Royal Darwin Hospital (tertiary hospital)	•	•	•	Haematology: 2 years joint RCPA/RACP 3 years single RCPA Microbiology: 1 year joint RCPA/RACP 2 years single RCPA AP and FP: 2 years
Palmerston Regional Hospital				
Gove District Hospital				
Katherine District Hospital				
Alice Springs Hospital (tertiary hospital)				
Tennant Creek Hospital				

Sub-Specialty Training

Training Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Royal Darwin Hospital (tertiary hospital)	•			•	•		•		•
Palmerston Regional Hospital									
Gove District Hospital									
Katherine District Hospital									
Alice Springs Hospital (tertiary hospital)									
Tennant Creek Hospital									

- Training available

TRAINING SITES	2 Chemical	4 Forensic	6 Genetic	8 Immunopathology
1 Anatomical	3 Clinical	5 General	7 Haematology	9 Microbiology

Note: To be used as a guide only - refer to the relevant health service and RCPA for current training post accreditation options.

Contacts

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