

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE TRAINEES



**The Royal Australian and
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Obstetricians and
Gynaecologists**

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THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The RANZCOG training program is the only means through which a medical practitioner in Australia or New Zealand can become a specialist obstetrician/gynaecologist.

The training program comprises the four-year Integrated Training Program (ITP), which culminates in Membership of the College (MRANZCOG), and a two-year Elective Program. At the conclusion of Elective training, and following satisfactory completion of all other requirements, trainees are eligible to become Fellows of the College (FRANZCOG). Please note that Membership is an intermediary stage and does not qualify a practitioner for recognition as a specialist obstetrician/gynaecologist.

Integrated Training Program

The four-year ITP consists of defined clinical and educational experience gained while working in teaching hospitals. The program includes:

- Rotation through a minimum of three different hospitals, with at least 12 months spent in a tertiary hospital and six months in a rural hospital
- Logged clinical work in obstetrics and gynaecology, which results in attaining the prescribed competency level required for certain procedures
- Experience in gynaecological oncology sufficient to gain a working knowledge of the anatomy of the pelvic side wall
- Satisfactory completion of 48 months of training as determined by Mid-Semester and Six-Monthly Trainee Reports completed by a Training Supervisor
- In-Hospital Clinical Assessment (IHCA) modules
- MRANZCOG Written Examination
- MRANZCOG Oral (SOE) Examination
- Assessment of competency in core O&G surgical procedures at the end of Year 2 (basic) and end of Year 5 (advanced).

Elective Training

Elective training can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the individual trainee. The training usually focuses on one of the following areas:

- Extending expertise in general obstetrics and gynaecology
- Extending expertise in general gynaecological surgery
- Developing expertise in provincial practice
- Developing research expertise
- Developing expertise in an area of special interest
- Developing expertise in practice in developing countries
- Commencing subspecialty training

Subspecialty Training

The College also offers subspecialty training in the following areas:

- Gynaecological Oncology
- Obstetrical & Gynaecological Ultrasound
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
- Urogynaecology

The subspecialty training programs take three years to complete and training may commence in one year—but not both years—of Elective training or at any stage after becoming a Fellow of the College.

NOTE: All O&G training must be prospectively approved by the College.

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to join the training program in **Australia** doctors must:

- Have an approved Australian or New Zealand primary medical degree, or have successfully completed the Australian Medical Council examinations
- Be an Australian resident
- Possess or be eligible for medical registration in relevant state
- Have completed one intern year and one HMO year (or the equivalent)

To be eligible to join the training program in **New Zealand** doctors must:

- Have full medical registration with the New Zealand Medical Council
- Be a permanent resident or eligible for permanent residency through the 'Work for Residency' policy of the New Zealand Immigration Service

Medical graduates from countries other than Australia

For details about obtaining registration as an overseas graduate and sitting the AMC examinations, please contact the Australian Medical Council directly:

Phone: +61 2 6270 9777

Web: <http://www.amc.org.au>

NOTE: Prospective trainees who did **NOT** obtain their primary medical degree in Australia and intend doing their O&G training in Australia are advised that under the terms of the *Health Insurance Act* they may be restricted in their ability to access Medicare benefits. For further information please refer to the following website:

<http://www.health.gov.au/workforce/workforce/information.htm> and/or contact the Health Insurance Commission on +61 2 6124 6028.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Prospective trainees should apply to the RANZCOG Regional Committee Executive Officer or Training Program Coordinator in the relevant Australian state or in New Zealand (see contact details below). These contact persons will send out the required application forms.

Selection interviews are conducted by selection subcommittees of the Regional/New Zealand Training & Accreditation (T&A) Committees in each state and in New Zealand. The T&A Committees oversee the training program in their region. The dates of these selection interviews vary, so applicants should contact the relevant Executive Officer or Program Coordinator as soon as possible to obtain full details of the application process and the deadline for applications.

NOTE: Prospective trainees should understand that they are actually applying for accredited training positions in hospitals approved as training sites by the College.

Following successful interview and acceptance of a training position, the College sends the new trainee the appropriate registration and prospective approval of training forms, together with an invoice for the required annual fees. Prospective trainees are not officially registered until these forms have been approved and the required fees paid.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For full details of the training program, including the curriculum, training policies, regulations and fees, please refer to the *RANZCOG Training Program Handbook* on the College website: <http://www.ranzcg.edu.au> - click on *Trainees—Membership/Fellowship Trainees*.