

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE DIPLOMA TRAINEES



**Joint Consultative  
Committee on Obstetrics**  
A tripartite Committee of RANZCOG,  
RACGP & ACRRM

## THE DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Joint Consultative Committee on Obstetrics (JCCO) offers two programs for general practitioners who require further training in women's reproductive health care. One program leads to the Diploma of the RANZCOG (DRANZCOG) and the other leads to the DRANZCOG Advanced. (The JCCO is a tripartite committee comprising representatives from RANZCOG, RACGP & ACRRM.)

## DRANZCOG

The DRANZCOG training program offers training for GP obstetricians or Doctors who have completed at least 2 years of residency who wish to:

- Provide shared ante and postnatal care with specialist obstetricians, GP obstetricians or a specialist hospital
- Provide office gynaecology
- Provide family planning
- Manage the antenatal care of low to moderate risk patients
- Perform normal deliveries and assisted deliveries
- Perform basic gynaecological procedures

The Diploma program involves a minimum of six months of hospital-based O&G training. This training must be prospectively approved. Trainees are required to keep a log of the number and types of procedures they perform and assist with during this time. The logbook is sent to trainees upon registration and payment of the training fee. Certain minimum levels must be satisfied. At the completion of training, the logbook is submitted to the Chair of the relevant State Regional Committee (SRC) for their approval.

Trainees who have satisfactorily completed, or are in the process of completing **prospectively** approved training must apply to sit the DRANZCOG Written and Oral Examinations. Each exam is held twice a year and candidates must pass the Written Exam before sitting the Oral Examination.

Candidates who complete all the above requirements are then eligible to be registered as a Diplomate of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists. In order to keep this qualification current, Diplomates must obtain 30 CPD points in Women's Reproductive Health each triennium.

Applicants for the Diploma training program must hold a primary degree in Medicine and Surgery issued by a medical school listed in the WHO Publication *World Directory of Medical Schools* or other publications approved by the Australian Medical Council.

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**For further information, interested practitioners should consult the  
RANZCOG website**

<http://www.ranzcof.edu.au/trainees/diploma-trainees.shtml>

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The DRANZCOG Advanced training program offers extended training for GP obstetricians in addition to the skills obtained through the DRANZCOG program. This training program is for GPs who wish to:

- Manage complicated labours when they arise
- Perform LUSCS (Elective and Emergency) safely and confidently
- Provide support for GP obstetricians when specialist obstetricians are unavailable
- Perform laparotomies in emergency gynaecological situations
- Perform laparoscopies and/or colposcopies in appropriate circumstances

The DRANZCOG Advanced involves a further six months of full-time training and may follow directly from DRANZCOG training (ie a 12-month position) or be undertaken at a later stage. Approval for this additional six months of training must be obtained **prospectively** from the Chair of the relevant State Reference Committee (SRC).

As with the Diploma, Advanced trainees must complete a logbook. This is provided to trainees upon registration and payment of the training fee. Advanced Diploma trainees must also submit five written case studies on a range of obstetric conditions for assessment.

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## APPLYING FOR DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG ADVANCED TRAINING

Prospective DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced trainees must have secured an appointment, of six or twelve months respectively, in an accredited DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced training hospital. A list of accredited hospitals is included in the *DRANZCOG & DRANZCOG Advanced Handbook* on the RANZCOG website. Trainees must also verify that they have been assigned a recognised Training Supervisor. RANZCOG does **not** assist prospective trainees with hospital placements or obtaining a supervisor.

At least **four weeks prior** to commencing training, prospective trainees must submit the appropriate registration form. The forms are available from the College website (see location details above). The completed form must be submitted to College House along with four **certified** passport photographs, a **certified** copy of the applicant's primary medical degree or AMC certificate, and the appropriate fee.

Please note that if documentation has not been correctly certified (stamped and signed) the application will not be processed until a correctly certified replacement is sent to College House. **THIS WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATIONS PROGRESS.** Upon completion of the registration process, trainees will be sent their logbook.

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