Overview
The Certificate of Women’s Health (CWH) is designed for medical practitioners who desire increased knowledge in aspects of women’s health that centre primarily on office-based practice, including non-procedural GPs, GP registrars, junior medical officers and other doctors.

Content
The CWH consists of the following five curriculum areas:

• **CWH1 Basic Skills:** communication; understand the social, cultural, ethical and legal issues pertaining to women’s health

• **CWH2 Introduction to Antenatal & Postnatal Care:** preconception counselling; routine antenatal care; managing common problems during pregnancy and the puerperium.

• **CWH3 Special Topics in Antenatal & Postnatal Care:** understand the management of obstetric complications; initial management of postnatal depression.

• **CWH4 Introduction to Gynaecology:** office gynaecology, including family planning counselling and managing contraception; managing STIs; conducting gynaecological examinations; and initial management of women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

• **CWH5 Special Topics in Gynaecology:** understand principles of common gynaecological operations; understand management of gynaecological cancers; the management of menopausal women; and initial management of ureto-vaginal prolapse, subfertility, abnormal bleeding and urogynaecological problems.

Eligibility
Prospective Certificate trainees must hold a primary degree in Medicine and Surgery issued by a medical school listed in the WHO Publication World Directory of Medical Schools, be registered with the Medical Board of Australia and be in their first or subsequent postgraduate year.

Prospective trainees must also satisfy any one of the following eligibility requirements:

- Currently in practice providing shared antenatal care with a recognised facility or practising in an established GP practice in an arrangement approved for training by the College;
- Currently an RACGP and/or ACRRM registrar in a GP placement where a suitable Training Mentor is available;
- Commencing or currently undertaking a hospital appointment in an obstetric RMO rotation at PGY1 and above, generally for a minimum of three (3) months.
Training Certificate training involves either hospital-based or practice-based training.

Training Mentors Trainees must nominate an appropriate Training Mentor who will:
• provide the trainee with guidance and support;
• meet regularly with the trainee to review case records, discuss cases, follow-up appropriate cases, and review cases referred to consultants;
• review and sign-off on the trainee’s logbook; and
• act as an Assessor for the Workplace-based Assessments.

Nominated Training Mentors must hold the DRANZCOG, DRANZCOG Advanced, DipRACOG or be a RANZCOG Fellow (FRANZCOG). They must also be approved by RANZCOG.

Training timeframes While there is no minimum period of training for the CWH, it is generally expected that trainees complete a minimum of three months of prospectively approved hospital or practice-based training.

All training and assessment requirements must be completed within two years of commencement of training, irrespective of whether training is on a part-time or full-time basis.

Online modules The RANZCOG Women’s Health online modules provide learners with a readily accessible and comprehensive suite of resources and guided learning tasks.

Modules are mapped to the curriculum with clearly stated learning outcomes and may be completed sequentially or non-sequentially at the learner’s own pace according to their learning needs.

Trainees are expected to complete the online modules as part of their training.

Completion requirements To be awarded the CWH, trainees must complete:
• CWH logbook requirements, including monthly sign-offs by the Training Mentor;
• the three Workplace-based Assessments (paper-based assessments of clinical skills); and
• the CWH Written Examination

Recertification requirements The CWH is a re-certifiable and time-limited qualification. It is initially granted for a period of time that is aligned to the RACGP Quality Improvement and Continuing Professional Development (QI&CPD) Program and the ACRRM Professional Development (PD) Program. Recertification occurs every three years thereafter.

This recertification is contingent on the CWH holder accruing points in either the RACGP QI&CPD or ACRRM PD Programs.

NB: All training must be prospectively approved by RANZCOG.

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