

Queensland Paediatric Advanced Training Network

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Network advanced training

- Tonight's program:
- General Paediatric Advanced Training
 - Dr Sara Lucas
- Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine Advanced Training
 - Dr Kirsty Devine
- Dual training experience
 - Advanced trainee Dr Nicole Arthy
- Questions via chat or hands up; at end of each section, at end of talk.

Advanced Paediatric Training

- Entry Requirements
 - Completion of written and clinical examination
 - Completion of Basic Training requirements
 - Apply in final year of basic or first year of advanced training
- Overview
 - minimum 36 months
 - General Paediatrics and other subspecialties
 - Concurrent training in two or more specialties available

Advanced Training in General Paediatrics

RACP requirements

Current Time-Based Requirements



Core General Paediatrics

- 12 months
- minimum 6 months at a setting with a perinatal component

Core Paediatric Acute Care

- 6 months
- NICU, PICU, Emergency, and/or Retrievals

Core Community / Dev

- 6 months
- community, developmental, child protection, ambulatory, adolescent, psychiatry, rehabilitation, palliative care
- Can be completed during a 12 month placement at a rural/regional setting

Non-core

- 12 months

Rural General Paediatrics

- 6 months, can be completed in BT or AT

Advanced Training in General Paediatrics

Current requirements

General Paediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months• 6 months at a setting with perinatal
Paediatric Acute Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months
Community / Dev	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months
Non-core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months
Rural General Paediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months, can be completed in BT or AT

Draft requirements **NOT** rolling out 2026

Essential General Paediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 months – settings TBC, likely require perinatal
Hospital Paediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months
Community / Dev	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months
Non-core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months
Rural General Paediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months, can be completed in BT or AT

QLD General Paediatric Advanced Training Network

- Option for trainees entering first or second year Advanced Training
- 2 year pathway
- Fulfill all Core Training requirements
- Flexible – pending rotational hospital capacity
- All network rotations include minimum 6 months at rural sites
- Network is not RACP

Rotation options

- Preference your area:
 - Brisbane
 - Gold Coast
 - Sunshine Coast
 - Townsville

Rotation options

- Preference Rural Location
 - Brisbane
 - Various regional hospitals
 - Various metropolitan options
 - Gold Coast
 - Rural: Lismore
 - Sunshine Coast
 - Various options as per Brisbane
 - Townsville
 - Rural: Mt Isa, Cairns, Mackay and/or other NQ sites

Available hospitals and rotations

Bundaberg Hospital

Cairns Hospital

Gladstone Hospital

Gold Coast University Hospital

Hervey Bay Hospital

Ipswich Hospital

Institute for Urban Indigenous Health

Leading Steps Paediatric Clinic

Lismore Hospital (NSW)

Logan Hospital

Mackay Hospital

Mater Mothers' Hospital (Neonatal Intensive Care)

Mt Isa Hospital

Queensland Children's Hospital

Rockhampton Hospital

Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital (Neonatal Intensive Care)

Sunshine Coast University Hospital

The Prince Charles Hospital

Toowoomba Hospital

Torres & Cape Hospital and Health Service

Townsville University Hospital

Tweed Hospital (NSW)

Application & Selection

- Application through Queensland RMO campaign

<https://www.careers.health.qld.gov.au/medical-careers/resident-medical-officer-rmo-and-registrar-campaign/medical-specialty-training-programs/medicine-advanced-training/general-paediatrics>



- Selection: short statement + CV, referee and interview
- Short Statement + CV 30%, Referee report 10%
 - Address the **Key Selection Criteria!**
 - Commitment and intent to be a general paediatrician?

Application & Selection



- Interview: 60%
- Interviews
 - Thursday 24 July 2025
 - Monday 28 July 2025

Interview format: structured panel interview

- 3 stations
- 2 panel members per station
- 13 mins per station
 - 1 minute candidate movement
 - 2 mins pre-reading/marking previous candidate
 - 10 mins to respond with specific prompts

Preferencing and allocation

- All applicants will preferent rotations
 - Location
 - Rural preference
- Successful applicants will be offered a rotation according to their interview, preferences and network requirements



Questions

QLD Neonatal and Perinatal AT Network

Dr Kirsty Devine

Chair Queensland Neonatal & Perinatal Medicine Network Working Group

Neonatologist Townsville University Hospital

QLD NPM Network

3 year program (all requirements for NPM training)

Commencing neonatal and perinatal medicine advanced training

Or intend to pursue dual training in general Paediatrics and Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine

Rotations

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Townsville	Townsville	Townsville	Mater Mothers Hospital (MMH)
Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH) 1	GCUH	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH)	MMH
GCUH 2	MMH	GCUH	RBWH
Mater	MMH	MMH	RBWH
RBWH	RBWH	RBWH	MMH
All rotations include retrieval medicine (ANTS-NQ and NeoRESQ)			

Eligibility

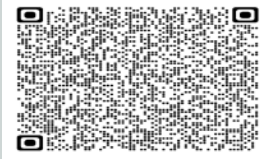
Completion of BT requirements (both time and exams)

Enrolled with RACP

General Registration

Commencing first or second year of NPM AT in 2026

Important dates



RMO application process through RMO campaign



Interviews 21st July: panel interview format



Notification of successful applicants in August



Questions

Summary

- General Paediatric Advanced Training Network
 - provides core requirements over 2 years
- Neonatal and Perinatal AT Network
 - coordinated 3 year program
- Dual training in General Paediatrics and Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine
- Applications through RMO campaign
- For further network related questions: Paediatric-Training@health.qld.gov.au