

Emergency Medicine in Caboolture Hospital

RMO CAMPAIGN 2025

Flexibility

Caboolture Hospital is accredited for 36 months of training with Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM), from Training Stage 1 to Training Stage 4 inclusive.

Trainee opportunities exist within the hospital and on secondment for compulsory terms required to complete training in Emergency Medicine. These include:

Anaesthetics	6 months Caboolture Hospital
Geriatric Emergency Medicine	6 months, Caboolture Hospital
Intensive Care Medicine	6 months, The Prince Charles Hospital
Paediatric Emergency	6 months, Queensland Children's Hospital
Paediatric Emergency	6 months, Prince Charles Hospital
General Paediatrics	6 months, Caboolture Hospital
General Medicine	6 months, Caboolture Hospital
Retrieval Medicine	6 months, LifeLight

There are also non-accredited terms for those with an interest in the following:

Mental Health	6 months Caboolture Hospital
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Supportive & Well Supervised Department

Caboolture Emergency is well supported with 21 full time equivalent consultants from 0715 – 2330 hours 7 days a week, with between 3 and 4 consultants present on the floor depending on the time of day. Outside these hours, consultants are on call and are within a 10- minute call back and there are always minimum of 2 Registrars/PHOs on nights and 4 RMO's.

Teaching Excellence

We provide supportive working and learning environments, sharing our team's diverse expertise and experience in not only Emergency Medicine, but other fields including:

- Paediatrics
- Toxicology
- Retrieval medicine
- Research

- Regional anaesthesia
- Disaster medicine
- Geriatric emergency medicine
- Palliative care
- Medical education
- Point of care ultrasound

Caboolture Emergency has an excellent track record in teaching excellence and examination performance, with greater than 85% pass rate in all examinations. There are designated Primary and Fellowship teaching programs for trainees, and one of the senior consultants is an active examiner for ACEM.

For registrars there are 4 hours of protected teaching per week. 25% of teaching involves paediatrics. Radiology teaching occurs monthly and is delivered by the Director of Radiology. Joint paediatrics and ED teaching occurs bimonthly. There are several large workshops covering the core requirements for the ACEM curriculum, which include:

1. Introduction / How to Run the Floor / ALS Adults and Child
2. Airway workshop
3. Vascular access workshop
4. Plaster workshop
5. Inter-hospital transfers
6. Anaesthesia and analgesia in ED
7. ECG and ABG
8. Major incidents and mass casualties
9. Ultrasound guided regional block training and eFAST training.
10. Toxicology (Run by Clinical Toxicologist)
11. Trauma

Teaching covers the ACEM Curriculum Framework which is covered within a 12-month period. Teaching is deliberately broad based and general.

Departmental Morbidity and Mortality meetings occur monthly.

Registrars are rostered for regular non-clinical time where they can undertake exam preparation, quality assurance / audits, or research, depending on their level of training.

Job Satisfaction

Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department moved into a new expanded department December 2023 with a separate Paediatric area and state of the art equipment for clinical and non-clinical use. It is in a unique position of being an urban Emergency Department which sees all specialties, including trauma, orthopaedics and urology. Patients requiring urgent transfer to specialist services and subspecialties are transferred to other hospitals within the Hospital and Health Service. The clinical experience and supervision gained at Caboolture ED is second to none.

Most procedures in the Emergency Department are performed by the treating ED doctor, under consultant supervision when required. ED affords the registrar group the opportunity to lead teams of staff, develop their own leadership skills, and learn to manage a department.

Location

Caboolture is situated in the Moreton Bay Region, north of Brisbane and within Southeast Queensland, Australia. It enjoys the hot summers and mild winters of its sub-tropical climate, allowing year-round outdoor activities and adventures. Whether you enjoy surf beaches, hinterland hikes, café culture or city nightlife, you can search out a lifestyle that suits you. Live locally or commute easily, whether from the Sunshine Coast to the north, the City and Suburbs of Brisbane to the south or Bribie Island to the east.

Southeast Queensland is rapidly growing, with Caboolture one of its hotspots. To meet the care needs of this diverse and expanding population, Metro-North HHS and Queensland Health are investing in Caboolture's Hospital and Community.