

Palliative Medicine



Interim changes to program requirements

Interim requirements for all trainees are listed under the training requirements in this handbook. This follows a review by the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine. You're expected to satisfactorily complete the 2021 training program requirements where possible. The interim changes made are to provide flexibility and support to trainees who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. See [COVID-19 FAQs](#) and [education and training changes](#) for additional information.

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Program overview

In Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine, you'll explore in-depth specialty training in the management of patients with active, progressive and far-advanced disease, a limited prognosis and the focus of care is their quality of life. You will train under supervision and prepare for independent practice as a consultant. The program

builds your skills through [work-based learning and assessment tools](#).

Program updates

See announced [interim changes to program requirements](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine Program is evaluated biennially by the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine (TCPM) to ensure that it's in line with educational best practice. Changes in program requirements may occur and could impact your training plan. The College will provide sufficient notice prior to implementing any change. You must always ensure you're following the correct requirements during your training.



Entry requirements

RACP Basic Trainees

Adult Medicine and Paediatrics & Child Health streams

Basic Trainees applying must have:

- completed RACP Basic Training, including Written and Clinical Examinations
- a current medical registration
- been appointed to an appropriate Advanced Training position

Already a Fellow

Adult Medicine stream only

You can apply to enter Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine if you:

- hold a Fellowship from an eligible medical college
- have a current medical registration
- have been appointed to an appropriate Advanced Training position

Fellows from all RACP's Divisions (AMD and PCHD), Faculties (AFOEM, AFPHM and AFRM) and Chapters (AChAM, AChPM, AChSHM and CCCH) are eligible to apply.

Other medical colleges eligible are:

- [Australasian College for Emergency Medicine](#) 
- [Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetics](#) 
- [Faculty of Pain Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetics](#) 
- [College of Intensive Care Medicine](#) 
- [Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine](#) 
- [Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#) 
- [Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists](#) 
- [Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists](#) 
- [Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists](#) 
- [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners](#) 
- [Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners](#) 

New and current trainees need to [apply for Advanced Training](#) each year.

Duration

Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine requires 3 years (36 months) of full-time equivalent (FTE) training.

Fellowship

Once you've completed all requirements of your training and the TCPM has recommended you for admission, the College will invite you to apply for Fellowship of the RACP (RACP Basic Trainees pathway) or Fellowship of the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (post-Fellowship pathway).

New Fellows receive formal notification from the College of their successful admission to Fellowship and a letter confirming the completion of their training.

As a Fellow in active practice in Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand or overseas, you'll need to meet the annual requirements of the [Continuing Professional Development program](#) [↗](#).

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