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Interim changes to program requirements

Interim requirements for all trainees are listed under training requirements in this handbook. This follows a review by the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine.

Trainees are 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 also [COVID-19 FAQs](#) and [education and training changes](#).

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Program overview

The Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine program provides general practitioners and physicians clinical experience in palliative medicine. It aims to expand their expertise to handle the palliative care needs of patients in their practice.

Program updates

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



The Clinical Diploma 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

All prospective trainees must have:

- completed an [approved Australian Medical Council medical degree](#) [↗](#) or a medical degree listed in the [World Health Organisation World Directory](#) [↗](#)
- a current medical registration
- been appointed to an accredited Clinical Diploma position

Trainees cannot complete the Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine and the Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine programs simultaneously.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) applications will not be accepted for the Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine.

Duration

The Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine requires 6 months of full-time equivalent (FTE) training undertaken at an [accredited setting](#).

Qualification

Successful trainees are awarded a Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine, confirming the completion of the program and recognising their expertise in palliative care medicine only.

Your qualification doesn't confer eligibility for specialist recognition in palliative care medicine.

Regulations

Australia | Under the Medical Board of Australia's specialist register, the use of the title 'Specialist Palliative Medicine Physician' is not allowed.

Aotearoa New Zealand | The qualification does not grant eligibility to apply to the Medical Council of New Zealand for vocational registration in palliative medicine or the use of the title 'Palliative Medicine Physician/Specialist'.

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