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FRANZCOG (Specialist) Training Program

The RANZCOG offers postgraduate training to any medical graduate who has an approved Australian or New Zealand primary medical degree or (in Australia) has obtained the Australian Medical Certificate (AMC), and general medical registration in the relevant country.

FRANZCOG (i.e. Fellowship of the RANZCOG) training involves a minimum of six years (276 weeks) of postgraduate hospital-based training and assessment.

Core Training Program

The four year (184 weeks) Core Program includes the following:

- Rotation through a minimum of three different hospitals, with at least 46 weeks in a tertiary hospital and 23 weeks in a rural hospital
- Logged clinical work in obstetrics and gynaecology resulting in attainment of prescribed competency levels in specified procedures
- Utilising the resources of CLIMATE, the RANZCOG e-learning platform
- Online formative and summative assessments, including Three-monthly appraisals and Six-monthly assessment reports
- Experience in gynaecological oncology

Advanced Training Program

The Advanced Program follows the Core Program. It comprises the final two years (92 weeks) of the FRANZCOG Training Program. Advanced training may focus on extending expertise in obstetrics and/or gynaecology, developing research expertise, or developing expertise in areas of special interest. Advanced trainees will also be required to complete relevant Advanced Training Modules (ATMs).

National Trainee Selection Process

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to apply for the College's six-year specialist training program leading to Fellowship of the RANZCOG (known as the FRANZCOG Training Program), applicants must satisfy all of the following College regulations in order to be eligible:

- a. To apply for the FRANZCOG Training Program in Australia or New Zealand, doctors must possess an approved Australian or New Zealand primary medical degree, or (for applicants in Australia) have successfully completed the requirements necessary to obtain the Australian Medical Council (AMC) certificate; or (for applicants in New Zealand) be a graduate in Medicine and Surgery of a Medical School recognised by the New Zealand Medical Council.
- b. Medical Registration and Visa Requirements
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 - ii. To apply for the FRANZCOG Training Program in Australia
 - medical practitioners must possess general registration with the Medical Board of Australia under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme and must also meet any residency or visa requirements enabling employment at any hospital within the jurisdiction(s) for which they are applying.
 - iii. To join the FRANZCOG Training Program in New Zealand,

- medical practitioners must have general medical registration with the New Zealand Medical Council.
- iv. Documentary evidence of medical registration (general medical registration in Australia or New Zealand/AMC certification/permanent residency/visa requirements, as applicable) must be available to be provided if requested no later than the closing date for applications. If such evidence is requested and not able to be provided by this deadline, the application will not be considered.
- c. Applicants accepted to the FRANZCOG Training Program cannot commence training unless they have completed PGY2 (Postgraduate Year) or above, and have obtained an accredited training position and prospective approval to undertake training in that position. However, candidates can apply if they are still in their second postgraduate year – on the understanding that they must have completed that year by the time they commence training, if their application is successful.
- Prospective trainees cannot enter the training program until they have obtained an accredited training post at a teaching hospital accredited by the College for the Core Training component of the FRANZCOG Training Program (i.e. the first four years of training). The College's role is to assess each candidate's suitability for the training program, but the actual training positions are offered by the hospitals.
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Selection Criteria

For full details of the College's selection criteria refer to our website

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/how-do-i-apply68/selection-process.html>

Note that from 2016 onwards applicants cannot apply for the RANZCOG Training Program more than three times. This cap *will not* be retrospectively applied. 2016 will mark the 'first' application by candidates.

Application process (including selection interviews)

For full details of the College's application and selection process (including the opening and closing dates for applications), refer to the Prospective Trainees section of the RANZCOG website

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/how-do-i-apply68/application-process.html>

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Appropriate candidates may be eligible to receive credit for some of their previous training.

However, RPL can only be applied for **after** entry to the training program, not before. All applications for RPL are considered by the RANZCOG's RPL Assessment Subcommittee and must be supported by extensive documentation. For full details of the College's RPL policy, please refer to the website <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/how-do-i-apply68/recognition-of-prior-learning-rpl.html>

Information about the RANZCOG-accredited hospitals for specialist training

For a complete list of the public hospitals in Australia and New Zealand accredited by the College for Core Training in obstetrics and gynaecology, please refer to the *Training Program Handbook for Trainees Commencing After 1 December 2013* at <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/specialist-itp-training-handbook-and-curriculum.html>

Further information about the training program

Full details of the specialist training program and the Curriculum are available on our website at <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/specialist-itp-training-handbook-and-curriculum.html>

Non-accredited Registrar Training

Prospective trainees who are not eligible for the specialist training program but still want to undertake registrar training in Australia could consider working as a non-accredited registrar in a metropolitan or suburban hospital. However, this training is not part of RANZCOG training and is organised entirely by the employing hospital. Although O&G specialists who are Fellows of the College may be involved in supervising non-accredited registrars, this supervision does not involve any formal assessment by the College. Nor can non-accredited training be claimed later as credit for RANZCOG training under the College's Recognition of Prior Learning policy.

However, a number of IMGs who have worked in Australia as non-accredited registrars have later gone on to successfully apply for the College's six-year specialist program, so it can be seen as offering good preparation for people considering entry to the training program. But prospective trainees must understand that working as a non-accredited registrar does **not** guarantee selection into the RANZCOG training program.

For information about appropriate registration and visa requirements when working as a non-accredited registrar, IMGs should contact the Medical Board in the state or region where they wish to work.

Certificate & Diploma Training Programs (DRANZCOG & DRANZCOG ADVANCED)

Another possible training option for overseas trained doctors are the certificate and diploma training programs in obstetrics and gynaecology offered by the College: the Certificate of Women’s Health (CWH), the Diploma of the RANZCOG (known as the DRANZCOG) and the Advanced Diploma (known as the DRANZCOG Advanced).

Each qualification builds upon the knowledge and skills developed in the preceding qualification; that is, the DRANZCOG builds upon the CWH, the DRANZCOG Advanced upon the DRANZCOG.

	Certificate of Women’s Health	DRANZCOG	DRANZCOG Advanced
Scope of practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared antenatal & postnatal - care of low risk patients - Office gynaecology - Family planning 	<i>As per CWH, plus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared antenatal & postnatal care of moderate risk patients - Normal risk intrapartum obstetrics - Assisted deliveries - Basic gynaecological procedures 	<i>As per DRANZCOG, plus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More complex intrapartum - obstetrics, including LUSCS (elective and emergency) - Laparotomies in emergency - gynaecological situations - Basic ultrasound scanning
Completion requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logbook - Three Workplace-based Assessments - CWH Written Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CWH completion requirements - Logbook - Six Workplace-based Assessments - DRANZCOG Written Exam - DRANZCOG Oral Exam or WBAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRANZCOG completion requirements - Logbook - Seven Workplace-based Assessments - Five (5) written case syntheses on a range of obstetric conditions - DRANZCOG Advanced Oral Exam (as from 1/1/17)

Further information about the Certificate of Women’s Health, DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced

Refer to the RANZCOG website <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/education-a-training/certificate-diploma-training.html> or contact Ms Maree Brislin, CWH/Diploma Coordinator, email: mbrislin@ranzcog.edu.au

Training under Short-term Specialist Training (SSTs)

IMGs may also consider undertaking short-term training/work in Australian hospitals under what is known as Short-term Specialist Training (previously referred to as an Occupational Training Visas). This visa can be obtained from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship by the employing hospital to enable them to employ overseas trained doctors for short periods, usually 12 months. O&G posts covered by SST posts are usually, though not exclusively, at registrar level.

SST posts are training positions generally offered at major metropolitan teaching hospitals. Candidates must obtain these posts by contacting the hospitals directly; the College plays no role in obtaining these positions. Once the post has been obtained, both the trainee and the employing hospital must lodge applications for approval with the College. Without the College's approval of the post – which must be a genuine training post and not simply one designed to meet a staffing need – the candidate cannot take up the position.

IMPORTANT NOTE: SST posts do not involve formal assessment and do not lead to any qualification. They are designed to enable IMGs to gain valuable experience in O&G at an Australian hospital for short periods. While posts are usually for a period of 12 months, it may be possible to extend their duration for a further 12 - 18 months, subject to College approval.

Further information about SSTs

For details on the SST process, go the home page on the College's website <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/2012-07-30-09-09-20/sst.html>

Enquiries relating to matters not covered in this brochure

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