

Certification in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (CREI) Scholarly Elective: Non-Research Stream Core Framework and Approval for Trainees



CREI trainees who want to submit a Non-Research Stream prospective approval are required to provide a statement discussing in detail how the chosen course will progressively build on the CREI training and benefit their future career.

A *Prospective Approval of Scholarly Elective Proposal and Timeline* must be submitted and approved by the CREI Subspecialty Committee. This will be based on the merit of each application and be within the current research project guidelines.

[Eligible Trainees](#)

CREI trainees who may apply for Prospective Approval of the Scholarly Elective: Non-Research Stream for the 2023 training year are:

- Year 1 Trainees commencing on 6 February 2023; or
- Year 2 Trainees commencing on 6 February 2023; or
- Trainees who fall outside the above may submit a Special Consideration Application form and be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

[Core Course Framework and Requirements](#)

The Non-Research Stream course framework must follow the requirements and guidelines as follows:

- A minimum of:
 - Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Diploma Level 5 or
 - New Zealand Qualification Framework (NZQF) Diploma Level 5
- The course **must progressively build** on any previous RANZCOG training and have future vocational relevance
- The course cannot be a *repetition* of a part of the current CREI curriculum. Information on the CREI Curriculum can be found in the [CREI Training Program Handbook](#)
- Limited to one course only (not a combination of several courses)
- The course must provide **complementary skill or educational development** to the CREI Training Program noting that the course is to:
 - Prepare practitioners for their future careers; and/or
 - Broaden their education and educational opportunities
- Trainees who are not enrolled in a course with a tertiary institution which will result in the awarding of a Diploma or higher degree will need to have an approved Mentor who holds a CREI, preferably is a past or current member of the Committee and is prepared to be available wherever possible for the duration of the course/project.
- The course submitted must be recognised at a Tertiary Institute or Professional College within Australia or New Zealand
- **All** Prospective Approval of Scholarly Elective Proposal and Timeline and /or Special Consideration Applications must be approved by the CREI Committee or nominated Research Stream / Non-Research Stream Committee Advisor
- Trainees may take time off to complete the course; however, the accredited timetable may be impacted

- Trainees may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for previous courses completed subject to CREI Subspecialty Committee approval.

[Proposal and Timeline Application Form Approval](#)

Scholarly Elective Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline form must be submitted within 46 weeks of commencing the CREI Training Program.

If the Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline application form is submitted and does not meet the framework requirements, feedback to the trainee will be provided.

[Submission of Completed Course](#)

All trainees who have elected the Non-Research Stream, must complete their course within three (3) years of completing the clinical component of training.

Trainees are required to submit progress reports at six-month intervals until successful completion of the course.

To satisfactorily complete the Non-Research Stream training requirement, all trainees must submit a Certificate of completion of the prospectively approved course. Evidence of completion will be approved by the CREI Subspecialty Committee. In all cases, the assessment of satisfactory completion rests with the CREI Committee.

All assessment related components of the Non-Research Stream will be independent of RANZCOG and will rest solely with the institution with whom the training is conducted.

[Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\)](#)

Where a course equivalent to that required in the Non-Research Stream has been completed prior to Subspecialty training it may be approved as meeting the requirement for satisfactory completion of the Non-Research Stream of the Scholarly Elective.

To be considered for Recognition, the course must meet the framework requirements including the following criteria:

- The course **must progressively build** on any previous RANZCOG training and have future vocational relevance
- Limited to one course of study (not a combination of several courses)
- The course submitted must be recognised at a Tertiary Institute or Professional College within Australia or New Zealand.

Assessments for all RPL in the Non-Research Stream will be undertaken by the CREI Subspecialty Committee and applications will be subject to CREI Subspecialty Committee approval.

Core Course Additional Features

Minimum of Diploma Level 5	Australian Framework Qualification (AQF) Diploma Level 5 New Zealand Framework Qualification (NZQF) Diploma Level 5	
Structured Assessment Tools that may be part of the course	Exams	
	Workplace assessment	
	Ongoing progress reports	
	Submission of thesis and/ or assignments	
	Other	
Subjects: There is no limit on topics – subject to CREI approval noting that the topic must build progressively on previous studies/ training and must have future vocational relevance	Anthropology	Endocrinology
	Business / Medical Administration	Robotic surgery (structured course with audit)
	Clinical chemistry	Male reproductive health/urology/andrology
	Commerce / health economics	Embryology
	Education	Pharmacology
	Epidemiology	Philosophy
	Ethics	Politics
	Genetics (Advanced knowledge)	Psychological Medicine
	Grief or Bereavement Counselling	Global / Public Health
	Information technology / systems engineering	Sociology
	Law / Legal medicine	Transgender medicine