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Rural Generalist Pathway heads to Central West for junior doctor workshop

DOCTORS training with the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway (QRGP) will participate in the first workshop of the year at a newly opened clinical training centre in Longreach.

The QRGP trains doctors to combine their general practice skills with another area of interest such as mental health, internal medicine, obstetrics or anaesthetics, making them invaluable in rural and remote areas of Queensland.

The workshop will be held from 8 to 10 April and will focus on a variety of skills necessary for rural practice. Over the two days, trainees will experience simulated patient scenarios, skills stations and case study based learning.

“This is the first time we have held a workshop in Longreach and we’re really excited to showcase the region and training opportunities to junior doctors on the pathway,” Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service’s QRGP Medical Director Dr John Douyere said.

“There will be 16 trainees from across the state participating in the workshop and four practising rural generalists leading workshop sessions.”

Dr Douyere said there were three doctors in the central west town who completed their training through the QRGP and a further three doctors currently participating in the training.

“The number of doctors living and working in Longreach is a testament to the success of the pathway,” he said.

“The pathway enables doctors to expand their skills and fill gaps in the provision of health care across the state.”

Background

The Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway is a state-wide medical workforce initiative of Queensland Health. The program is delivered by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service’s training provider, the Cunningham Centre. It provides a supported pathway for junior medical officers to pursue a career in rural and remote medicine.

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