Queensland Health is responsible for and oversees the Queensland Basic Physician Training Network through which registered basic physician trainees are centrally recruited and selected to Queensland Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) accredited hospitals to complete their basic physician training. Hospital placements and appointments are undertaken at the local Rotation level.

Successful applicants will be selected and appointed to one of four network rotations in which they will complete basic physician training (2-3 years). Each Rotation includes a defined cluster of RACP-accredited training hospitals:

**FAR NORTH**
- Townsville Hospital
- Cairns Base Hospital
- Atherton Hospital
- Innisfail Hospital
- Mt Isa Hospital

**NORTHSIDE ROTATION**
- Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital
- The Prince Charles Hospital
- Rockhampton Hospital
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- Mackay Hospital
- Redcliffe Hospital
- Caboolture Hospital

**SOUTHSIDE**
- Princess Alexandra Hospital
- Greenslopes Hospital
- Mater (Adult) Hospital
- Logan Hospital
- Toowoomba Hospital
- Bundaberg Hospital
- Hervey Bay Hospital
- Ipswich Hospital
- QEII Hospital

**COASTAL**
- Gold Coast / Robina Hospitals
- Logan Hospital
- Redland Hospital

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Far North rotation

The Far North rotation comprises accredited terms in basic physician training at the following hospitals:

**Townsville Hospital** – 100 Angus Smith Drive, Douglas QLD 4814

**Cairns Hospital** – The Esplanade, Cairns QLD 4870

Subspecialty exposure

Each trainee’s rotation is designed to ensure an appropriate combination of terms that will meet the criteria established by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, as well as providing a well-rounded program in basic physician training. The subspecialty term experience available on the far north rotation includes:

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Why choose the Far North rotation?

Positioned in tropical northern Australia, the far north rotation gives trainees a unique experience. Providing services from Mackay north to Papua New Guinea and west to the Northern Territory Border, Townsville and Cairns Hospitals provide exposure to rural, remote and Indigenous medicine which facilitates an inimitable experience.

Cairns Hospital - Although trainees will spend most of their time in Cairns Hospital, a three month rotation to either, Atherton, Mt Isa or Innisfail Hospital is required once during the 3 year training period. With consultant-lead daily teaching roster and an intensive exam preparation schedule, in 2016, Cairns Hospital ranked highest in Queensland for RACP written exam results.

Townsville Hospital - is a level three training hospital with no RACP requirement to rotate to a secondment site. Network trainees are rostered to two specialty rotations each year consistent with training requirements. Structured Consultant delivered educational sessions over the 2 year program are targeted to prepare candidates for success at the RACP written and clinical exams.

Further information

Further information is available on the [network page](#) or by contacting the rotation, details below.

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Coastal rotation

The Coastal rotation comprises accredited terms in basic physician training at the following metropolitan and regional hospitals:

**Gold Coast University & Robina Hospital** – 1 Hospital Boulevard Southport QLD 4215
**Logan Hospital** – Cnr Armstrong & Loganlea Rd Meadowbrook QLD 4131
**Redland Hospital** – Weippen Street Cleveland QLD 4163

Subspecialty exposure

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Exams

The timing of the FRACP examinations, both written and clinical, is taken into consideration when terms are allocated across the coastal rotation. All trainees attempting their first sitting of the part one physician’s exam will be offered 12 months level three hospital based experience leading up to the clinical examination, usually held in July of their third training year.

Further information

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Southside rotation

The Southside rotation comprises accredited terms in basic physician training at the following metropolitan and regional hospitals:

**Princess Alexandra Hospital**
Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba QLD 4102

**Toowoomba Hospital**
Peachey Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350

**Bundaberg Hospital**
Bourbong Street/ PO Box 34 Bundaberg QLD 4670

**Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital**
Private Bag 2, Sunnybank QLD 4109

**Ipswich Hospital**
Chelmsford Avenue
Ipswich QLD 4305

**Mater Misericordiae Hospital (Adult)**
Raymond Tce & Stanley St, South Brisbane 4101

**Logan Hospital**
Armstrong & Loganlea Rds, Meadowbrook 4131

**Hervey Bay Hospital**
PO Box 592, Hervey Bar QLD 4655

**Greenslopes Private Hospital**
Newdegate Street, Greenslopes QLD 4120

Why choose the Southside rotation?

This rotation comprises nine hospitals including university affiliated hospitals and a broad range of peripheral rotations. Tertiary hospital rotations include Queensland Health and non-Queensland Health facilities. Employment conditions including leave entitlements will be as per the employing hospital’s policies. One of the constituent hospitals has consistently achieved well above national average pass rates for the FRACP written and clinical exams.

Subspecialty exposure

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allocated across the Southside rotation. All trainees attempting their first sitting of the part one physician’s exam, who are successful in gaining a two year Southside rotation commitment, will be offered 12 months Brisbane metropolitan based experience leading up to the clinical examination.

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**Northside rotation**

The Northside rotation comprises accredited terms in basic physician training at the following metropolitan and regional hospitals:

- **Rockhampton Hospital**
  Canning Street, Rockhampton QLD 4700

- **Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital**
  Butterfield Street, Herston QLD 4029

- **Mackay Hospital**
  Bridge Road, Mackay QLD 4740

- **Caboolture Hospital**
  McKean Street, Caboolture QLD 4510

- **Sunshine Coast University Hospital**
  Innovation Parkway, Birtinya QLD 4575

- **The Prince Charles Hospital**
  Rode Road, Chermside QLD 4032

- **Redcliffe Hospital**
  Anzac Ave, Redcliffe QLD 4020

**Subspecialty exposure**

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