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Toowoomba Hospital Frequently Asked Questions

CORE TERMS
What core and elective terms does your facility offer PGY1?
Queensland Health has five terms for 2020 – four terms of 10 weeks and one term of 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

Core Terms:
- Emergency Medicine
- Medicine
  Available as:
  • General Medicine
  • Geriatric Adult Rehabilitation Stroke Service
- Surgery
  Available as:
  • General Surgery
  • Orthopaedics

Elective terms:
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Rural Hospital term (Stanthorpe & Warwick Hospitals)
- Rural General Practice Term (Goondiwindi Medical Centre, Clifton Medical Practice, Downs Rural Medical – Wyalla Plaza, St Andrew’s Toowoomba Medical Centre)
- Psychiatry
- Ear Nose Throat Surgery
- Anaesthetics
- Intensive Care Medicine

TERMS For PGY2
What terms does your facility offer PGY2?
Queensland Health has five terms for 2020 – four terms of 10 weeks and one term of 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

- Anaesthetics
- Intensive Care Medicine
- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Medical Oncology
- Haematology
- Nephrology
- Cardiology
- Medical Assessment Planning Unit

- Geriatric Adult Rehabilitation Stroke Service
- General Surgery
- Ear Nose Throat Surgery
- Urology
- Emergency Department
- Orthopaedics
- Psychiatry
- Rural relieving
- Rural Hospital term (Goondiwindi Hospital)
## ACCREDITED TRAINING POSITIONS

What accredited training positions does your facility offer?

Queensland Health has five terms for 2020 – four terms of 10 weeks and one term of 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

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## ROTATIONS

Will there be opportunities to do term rotations at another facility? If yes, which facility/facilities will the rotation(s) be to?

| No. Warwick and Stanthorpe Hospitals as Intern |
| Goondiwindi Medical Centre, Clifton Medical Practice, Downs Rural Medical and St Andrew’s Toowoomba Medical Centre as Intern |

## RURAL/COUNTRY RELIEVING

Is rural/country relieving part of PGY1?

| No. Rural Relieving is covered by PGY2 and above only. |

## REMOTE CALL

Does your facility require remote call? If yes, what are the conditions?

| No - Remote call is covered by PGY 2 and above only. |

## WARD CALL

Does your facility require ward call? If yes, what are the conditions?

| Surgical - Yes, approximately 7 evenings and one weekend per rotation. |
| Medical – No medical ward call for interns |
| No night ward call for interns |
**EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

**Does your facility provide educational sessions? If yes, what type of educational sessions and how often would they occur?**

Educational sessions are as follows:
- Twice weekly education sessions for junior doctors, including practical and case based sessions.
- Unit specific presentations which include case studies, presentations, scenarios and clinical reasoning plus department meetings to review team work and training strategies.
- Career guidance and counselling to ensure flexible career options and learning pathways.
- Rural Skills Program
- ALS Workshop training program – three sessions throughout the year

A full weekly education program including journal clubs, Grand Rounds, unit tutorials and Intern specific topics with plenty of hands on practical sessions.

Medical Education Registrar, three MEOs, DCT and DDCT.

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**SUPPORT FOR INTERNS**

**What type of support does your facility provide for Interns?**

Support for Interns are as follows:

**The Medical Education Unit provides:**
- The MEU has established an extensive online training support program accessible 24/7 through Darling Downs Learning Online platform (DD-LOL). Personalised orientation resources, learning modules and recorded education sessions enhance and compliment the intern education program, providing learning opportunities to support workplace learning.
- Mid & end of term interviews with DCT and MEO. These are to enable feedback from the intern regarding orientation and supervision during their term. It is also to facilitate any assistance and offer support as required.
- Formal education program.
- Personal and professional support for all junior doctors with mentoring.
- Access to the Resident Guide App which supplies interns and RMOs with easy electronic access to contacts, term guides and clinical information specific to the hospital.

**Other supports within the hospital include:**
- EAS - Employee Assistance Service.
- Informal support from registrars and consultants committed to providing quality supervision.

**Medical Services:**
- Executive Director Medical Services
- Director Medical Services
- Intern Recruitment Officer / Rostering Officer

**Access to:**
- Accommodation at commencement for orientation
- Relocation expenses

An active RMO Association has organised events such as, but not limited to:
- KEGS
- Paintball
**WORKLOAD AND OVERTIME**

What is the average workload per week for each core and elective term? Is overtime required? If yes, will this be paid?

**Core Terms:**
- Medicine: 40 hours + approximately 3-5 hours un-rostered overtime per week. One to two evening shifts per fortnight.
- Emergency: Very rare to have overtime
- Surgery: 40 hours + approximately 3-5 hours un-rostered overtime per week

**Elective Terms:**
- 40 hours + 2-5 hours un-rostered overtime per week.

**NIGHT DUTY**

Does your facility require night duty? If yes, what are the conditions?

Interns are rostered night shift with a Registrar during Emergency rotation. Other night duty is done by PGY2 and above on a shift basis.

**LEAVE**

Am I able to take leave any time during the year or will I have to be part of a leave roster?

Leave of 5 weeks per year during elective term.

**LEAVE IN ADVANCE**

Do I need to negotiate my leave in advance?
Who do I need to negotiate leave with and when do I need to do this by?

Yes. On recruitment and prior to commencement of the Intern year, you will be contacted and asked when you want leave and for your term preferences.

**RELOCATION**

Does your facility provide financial assistance with relocation?

Yes. The Hospital will reimburse reasonable relocation and travel expenses as per your Award. Relocation details will be outlined in your letter of appointment.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Does your facility provide accommodation or financial assistance with accommodation?

Yes, our facility will provide from 2 and up to 6 weeks accommodation if required. Accommodation provided during period of orientation if required.
### PART-TIME OR JOB-SHARE
**Is part time or job share an option your facility can accommodate?**
Yes, part-time is possible but needs to be negotiated on an individual basis. Job Share is not available.

### LATE START
**Is Late Start an option your facility can accommodate?**
Possible dependant on the circumstance – to be negotiated prior to commencement of the recruitment campaign.

### SWAPPING OR TRANSFERS
**Does your hospital consider swapping or transfer requests?**
If yes, what are the terms and conditions associated with a swap or transfer?
Swapping: Yes, must fit within Matrix of an accredited term and both parties are in full agreement. Transfer: Yes, we will do our best to accommodate roster request and make the transition seamless.

### INTERN: CONSULTANT RATIO
**What is your average intern: consultant ratio?**

Full-time equivalent of Staff Specialists, Senior Medical Officers and Visiting Medical Officers who support and mentor interns.

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### FACILITY BENEFITS
**What other services (e.g.: library, gym, swimming pool, close to shopping centres and public transport etc) does your facility offer?**
- Friendly supportive good-sized hospital
- 24-hour access to library with PCs, internet, printing, excellent collection of textbooks
- Common Room
- Internet access in common room with printing
- RMO Association
- Great hands-on experience especially in Warwick / Stanthorpe terms
- Fantastic supportive Medical Education Unit.
- Close to City Centre, Shopping
- Cinemas, restaurants, cafés and gyms are nearby
### CAR PARKING

**What parking arrangements can your facility offer?**

Discounted parking in ground level carpark.

### LIFESTYLE OFFER

**What sort of lifestyle can your location offer?**

- Toowoomba offers a relaxed lifestyle and family-friendly atmosphere, with easy access to Brisbane and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. Toowoomba is a great choice for those wanting to escape the hustle and bustle of big city life whilst still pursuing their career goals.
- Toowoomba has a temperate climate with four seasons.
- Every season, the region presents numerous events and special days, from Toowoomba's famous floral, food and wine showcase, the Carnival of Flowers, the Australian Camp Oven Festival at Millmerran; the Australian Heritage Festival at the Jondaryan Woolshed; or the Hampton High Country Food & Arts Festival.
- Dubbed Queensland's ‘Garden City’, Toowoomba has more than 240 public parks and gardens.
- Toowoomba is home to excellent shopping facilities, local boutique wineries, antique outlets and a host of dining venues featuring an eclectic mix of casual and metropolitan style cafes with superb award winning fine dining.
- Toowoomba has a vibrant social life and offers many sport and leisure facilities/activities.
- The region’s thriving cultural scene has terrific cultural centres, theatres and art galleries including the Empire Theatre, Cobb and Co Museum and Toowoomba Art Gallery.

### CONTACTS

**Who do I contact for further information?**

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