

Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Role Description

Title	Medical Registrar	Location	Multiple locations
Division	Multiple Hospital and Health Services (HHSs)	Branch/Work Unit	Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Pathway
Status	Temporary full-time	Online applications	Applications must be submitted via the RMO Campaign https://www.health.qld.gov.au/rmo
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About the Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Pathway

All geriatric medicine advanced training positions are coordinated through the Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advisory Panel. The QGMATP strongly recommend that each trainee completes 12 months of core training outside one of the Metropolitan Hospitals to enable each trainee to gain a broad training experience in one of the smaller non-metropolitan hospitals.

Trainees will remain on the pathway for the duration of their geriatric medicine advanced training subject to satisfactory performance. Upon successful selection to the pathway, trainees will be appointed to an accredited training hospital for 6-12 months. It is expected that successful candidates will spend no more than two years in one facility.

Participating Qld Geriatric Medicine Training Hospitals

The following Queensland hospitals are accredited for advanced training in geriatric medicine and participate in the QGMAT pathway:

- Cairns (North Qld Geriatric Medicine Training Alliance)
- Townsville (North Qld Geriatric Medicine Training Alliance)
- Sunshine Coast Health Service
- Redcliffe Hospital
- The Prince Charles Hospital
- Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital
- Princess Alexandra Hospital
- Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital
- Gold Coast Hospital
- Ipswich Hospital
- Toowoomba Hospital
- Logan Hospital
- St Vincent's Hospital Brisbane



About the role

This is a generic role description. The role may vary between Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) depending on the level of experience of the trainee and the services provided by individual HHSs.

Purpose

The primary function of the position is to provide high quality clinical care to both inpatients and outpatients in any HHS within the Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training network to which you are appointed. The registrar will be involved in education and research activities, will provide clinical support and set a professional example to more junior clinical staff.

The position is accredited for training with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training. Successful applicants are expected to be committed to completing their training in Geriatric Medicine.

Key Responsibilities and Qualities

The Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training position is a position which requires personal, professional and clinical qualities;

- Broad **knowledge of general medicine** as a foundation on which to build additional specialist skills (*success in FRACP clinical examination, CV demonstrating appropriate clinical experience*)
- **Empathy with older people** and willingness to act as their champion to ensure equitable and appropriate access to health services
- **Interest in ageing** and the interface between ageing and disease
- Willingness to work as part of a **multidisciplinary team**
- Commitment to learn to **communicate effectively** with patients, families and other health professionals
- An **appreciation of the complexity** of managing frail older patients, and willingness to take a holistic approach to patient assessment and management.
- **Patience** in dealing with patients with communication problems due to sensory or cognitive impairment
- Willingness to work across **acute and subacute** care settings, and within **hospital and community** sectors.



- A recognise the importance of **research and audit** for expanding knowledge within the field of geriatrics and for improving quality of care for older patients.
- Commitment to continuous **professional development** through the Qld Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Program and the RACP

It is expected that you will

- Provide supervision, teaching and support to junior medical staff and medical students and lead by example in behaviour and attitude.
- Provide ongoing clinical care of patients including appropriate and timely assessment and management under the supervision of the treating consultant.
- Communicate empathetically and appropriately with patients and their families. It is the advanced trainee's responsibility to ensure that their patients and the next of kin are aware and understand, if possible the patient's diagnosis management plan and any consequences of planned treatment and management.
- Coordinate appropriate referrals to other speciality departments and services
- Formulate management plans independently implementing the decisions of the senior medical staff.
- Lead team meetings or family conferences in the absence of the consultant
- Attend provided and protected training time each Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm -5pm

Qualifications / Professional registration / other essential requirements

- MBBS
- General registration with the Medical Board of Australia and approved trainee registration with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)
- Successful completion of basic physician training and the RACP written and clinical examinations
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or eligible for permanent residency

How to Apply

Refer to the **Queensland Geriatric Medicine Advanced Training Pathway - Application Guidelines** document on webpage <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/geriatric-medicine-advanced-training>