



# Compulsory components of RVTS program

## Introduction

The RVTS is a vocational training program, which is available to isolated doctors who under ordinary circumstances could not complete vocational training except by leaving their communities. The program offers training towards Fellowship of the RACGP and ACRRM and by extension, for Vocational Recognition (VR) with Medicare Australia. The program has been specially designed to accommodate the particular circumstances of remote practice and to offer the best possible educational experience within the practical constraints that this presents. It is characterised by its remote supervision model, use of innovative information and telecommunication technologies, individualised learning programs, population health focus and community involvement.

Upon successful completion of training, participants will:

- have attained comprehensive knowledge, skills and attitudes for unsupervised generalist practice in Australia;
- be awarded the FRACGP and/or the FACRRM;
- for the majority of their training, have remained based in rural or remote practice, which did not have an on-site teaching and support system recognised by the AGPTP;
- be confident and competent to provide services and leadership in healthcare in an isolated setting and, with all other things being equal, motivated to continue to practice in such settings with well established lifelong learning skills; and
- have provided comprehensive high quality medical care to remote communities throughout their experience and therefore will be better able to maintain/sustain such services in the future.

In assisting registrars to meet these goals, the RVTS will deliver training that:

- includes access to high quality education and teaching and support networks offering learning experiences that develop the appropriate skills and attitudes required for professional practice of medicine;
- facilitates education and training experiences that comply with the standards of both the RACGP and ACRRM and integrate experiential learning, curricula objectives and the registrar's educational and professional goals;
- meets the educational and training criteria set for eligibility for Fellowship of the RACGP and ACRRM; and
- complies with current government policy

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide an outline of the compulsory components of the RVTS program.

## **Policy**

RVTS training is a four year Australian Government funded program of vocational education and training leading to awards of FACRRM and FRACGP. The program also enables activities leading to FARGP to be undertaken.

It is a mandatory requirement that all registrars complete three years of full time equivalent training in an approved rural or remote location. A further 12 months training is available to registrars in advanced skills curricula such as Anaesthetics, Obstetrics, Emergency Medicine, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Child and Adolescent Health, Mental Health, Adult Internal Medicine, Surgery and Rural and Remote Health.

While it is acknowledged that registrars in remote practice may have difficulty in attending all RVTS educational activities it is mandatory that registrars attend 80 percent of all teletutorials and workshop sessions.

The following program activities are mandatory for all RVTS registrars:

- 80% participation in the dedicated program of weekly tele-tutorials throughout the duration of the program;
- Attendance at 80% of workshop sessions provided by the program. Five day workshops are held twice yearly.
- Regular supervisor contact
- Maintenance of an individualised learning portfolio on RRMEQ;
- Participation in twice yearly 3-way training reviews with the registrar's supervisor and training advisor;
- Participation in Clinical Teaching visits 3 times in the first year and as appropriate to individual registrar needs in subsequent years;
- Participation in cross cultural awareness activities; and
- Successful completion of two approved Emergency Medicine Skills courses eg EMST, APLS, ALS.

## **Responsibilities for the policy**

CEO, Medical Educators, Operations Manager

## **Related documents**

RVTS Handbook

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