

## General Practice Procedural Training Program (GPPTP) Information Sheet

NSW Health is offering funding for GP Procedural Training Posts in the specialty areas of Anaesthetics, Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Mental Health. North Coast GP Training is co-ordinating the program in the North Coast area health service region.

The aim of these posts is to provide training in procedural disciplines and mental health that is needed for rural General Practice. The training posts are intended to be flexible and some allow part time options, to meet the needs of the doctors who require training.

### Trainees

These posts are being targeted towards four groups of doctors:

1. Registrars enrolled in vocational General Practice training
2. Rural GPs who wish to acquire new skills or improve existing skills
3. Metropolitan based General Practitioners proposing to take up rural practice
4. Conditionally registered overseas trained doctors currently working in Area of Need in NSW (conditions apply)

### Post Duration

Priority will be given to 12 and six month training posts. The program is however flexible enough to allow for the development of flexible and part-time training in most areas.

### Accreditation

The posts will link with existing accreditation processes for an Advanced Rural Skills Post (ARSP – six-12 months full-time), through ACCRM &/or the RACGP & relevant Joint Consultative Committees. These posts may be linked with professional developed programs administered by ACCRM &/or the RACGP.

### Funding

NSW Health will fully fund the base salary of the trainees. The AHS will employ the trainee & be reimbursed by NSW Health. The salary scale will be based upon existing awards and will be determined by the AHS in consultation with NSW Health. Posts are supernumerary with the allocated funds being quarantined for the GP training post.

Additional funding of up to \$5,000 per annum per 1.0 FTE trainee is available to support the education, training and supervision of trainees. The allocation will be provided to the Area Health Service by NSW Health, with the supervisor being appointed as the cost centre manager.

### Medical Indemnity

As Area Health Service employees, trainee medical indemnity will be covered by the TMF.

## Teaching and supervision

Trainees placed in procedural posts will have a specialist supervisor and a rural GP mentor. The specialty supervisor will provide on-site supervision & be available to the trainee to provide appropriate advice and back-up. The supervisor is expected to either provide or organise structured teaching time throughout the training period. The rural GP mentor will supply debriefing and opportunity for in-GP-practice application of the procedural skills. Trainees may also join the NCGPT registrar half-day-release training program one half day per month. This release time will be part of “ordinary” working hours.

## Assessment

Assessment requirements are detailed for each discipline. All Trainees will complete a learning portfolio to be reviewed on a monthly basis. In general, ARSP assessment involves the trainee maintaining a clinical diary and writing case studies. These will be reviewed and assessed by the supervisors. In some cases the trainee will have additional assessment items such as a viva. A formal trainee report is to be completed by the examining supervisors and submitted to the accreditation authority at the end of the traineeship.

## Vacancies

Start-dates are flexible, but are generally in late January and July. Positions are accredited at:

Lismore: Emergency, DRANZCOG & Advanced, Anaesthesia, Mental Health

Tweed Heads: Emergency, DRANZCOG & Advanced, Mental Health, Anaesthesia

Coffs Harbour: Emergency, DRANZCOG & Advanced

Port Macquarie: Emergency, DRANZCOG

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