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Anaesthetics and Pain Medicine Northern Territory Medical Career Pathways

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Anaesthetics and Pain Medicine – Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists & Faculty of Pain Medicine (ANZCA)

ANZCA is responsible for the training, examination and specialist accreditation of anaesthetists and pain medicine specialists and for the standards of clinical practice in Australia and New Zealand.

Read more about the ANZCA [here](#)



Entry requirements

Anaesthesia training program

- Completed two years of general hospital experience after graduating from medical school
- This can include up to 12 months in anaesthesia or intensive care
- ANZCA does not appoint trainees, this is done by the employer. To join the program, you must secure a training position in an accredited rotation or training site

Pain medicine training program

- Training in pain medicine is a post-specialisation program that requires applicants to have either completed or be training towards a primary specialist qualification.

How to Apply

Anaesthesia training program

- Must have completed two years of general hospital experience after graduation from medical school.

- this can include up to 12 months in anaesthesia or intensive care, but the aim is to ensure a grounding in general medicine and in disciplines other than anaesthesia
- Trainees complete at least five years of training and are supervised by a network of qualified anaesthetists at accredited hospitals throughout Australia and New Zealand
- ANZCA have a two-stage process for trainee application and registration that can occur sequentially or concurrently as follows:
 - once you have completed 52 weeks of prevocational medical education and training (PMET), you can apply to join the training program. You don't need to have secured an anaesthesia training position in an ANZCA-accredited hospital or other training site to do this.

Pain medicine training program

- Training in pain medicine is a post-specialisation program that requires applicants to have either completed or be training towards a primary specialist qualification
- For trainees with an overseas primary specialist qualification, a letter or certified copy from an equivalent Australian or New Zealand specialist College attesting to the comparability of the overseas primary qualification is required to be submitted alongside your training application.

Total Training Time

The anaesthetists and pain medicine training programs are undertaken over five years (260 weeks) of supervised clinical placements within ANZCA-accredited training sites. Upon successful completion of the program, doctors are awarded Fellowship of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FANZCA).

Anaesthesia training program

- Introductory training (26 weeks including leave)
- Basic training (78 weeks including leave)
- Advanced training (104 weeks including leave)
- Provisional fellowship training (52 weeks including leave).

Pain medicine training program

- a minimum of two years (88 weeks) full-time equivalent (FTE) of approved clinical experience directly related to pain medicine, distributed over two mandatory stages
- each training stage comprises 44 weeks of clinical activity (one hospital employment year)
- foundations of Pain Medicine
 - applicants for Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) training need to become thoroughly familiar with the conceptual basis of pain medicine section of the curriculum to ensure preparation for the program
 - online modules which form the Better Pain Management (BPM) program also need to be completed within the first 11 weeks of training.

NT Anaesthetics and Pain Medicine Training

Training Site	Introductory 26 weeks	Basic 78 weeks	Advanced 104 weeks	Anaesthesia Provisional Fellowship 52 weeks	Pain Medicine 44 weeks clinical activity	Pain Medicine 44 weeks Foundations of Pain Medicine	Notes
Royal Darwin Hospital	•	•	•	•			156 weeks – SA/NT, QARTS and independent positions
Palmerston Regional Hospital							Not an accredited training hospital, secondary site STP trainees
Gove District Hospital							
Katherine District Hospital							Not an accredited training hospital, secondary site STP trainees
Alice Springs Hospital	•	•	•	•			52 weeks – South Australian rotation
Tennant Creek Hospital							

- Training available.

Note: To be used as a guide only - refer to the relevant health service and ANZCA for current training post accreditation options.

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