

Gastroenterology Advanced Training – Role Description

RMO and Registrar Campaign

Position details

Title	Gastroenterology Advanced Trainee	Location	Multiple locations
Salary range		Classification	
Division	Multiple Hospital and Health Services (HHSs)	Branch/ Work Unit	Queensland Gastroenterology Advanced Training Network
Online applications	https://www.careers.health.qld.gov.au/rmo	Closing date	Refer to campaign dates https://www.careers.health.qld.gov.au/rmo
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Queensland Health has a diverse set of responsibilities, and a common purpose of creating better health care for Queenslanders.

The Queensland Public Sector is transforming from a focus on compliance to a values-led way of working. The following five values underpin behaviours that will support and enable better ways of working and result in better outcomes for Queenslanders.

About the Queensland Gastroenterology Advanced Training Network

All gastroenterology advanced training positions are coordinated through the Queensland Gastroenterology Advanced Training Network.

The network has been introduced to:

- address the increased demand for a gastroenterology workforce
- provide a streamlined centralised process for selection and allocation of trainees to placements within Queensland
- provide continuity of training for trainees to satisfy the core components of gastroenterology training.

The network will facilitate appointment to a gastroenterology position for gastroenterology advanced trainees in advanced training years one and two. Trainees will remain on the network for the duration of their gastroenterology core advanced training subject to satisfactory performance. Upon successful selection to the network, trainees will be appointed to a network hospital for 12 months. It is expected that successful candidates will spend no more than two years in one facility, and preferably no more than one year in one facility.

Participating network hospitals

The following Queensland hospitals are accredited for advanced training in gastroenterology and participate in the network model:

Cairns Hospital (AT1)	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (AT2)	Gold Coast University Hospital (AT1 & 2)
Sunshine Coast University Hospital (AT1 & 2)	Logan Hospital (AT1)	The Prince Charles Hospital (AT1 & 2)
Mater Adult Hospital (AT1)	Townsville University Hospital (AT1 & 2)	Princess Alexandra Hospital (AT2)

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 Gastroenterology 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), Gastroenterology. Successful applicants are expected to be committed to completing training in gastroenterology

Key responsibilities

An advanced training position is a leadership role with significant responsibility. As an advanced trainee in gastroenterology, you represent the department of gastroenterology in your hospital, as well as your respective consultants. You should be an exemplary role model for all basic trainees and always find time to mentor your junior colleagues. You should present yourself as the consummate professional with patient care, safety and confidentiality at the heart of everything you do.

You will be required to manage both inpatient and outpatient care simultaneously, delegate effectively where appropriate and exercise good time management in preparation for life as a consultant gastroenterology.

Your philosophy of care should be one of holistic assessment and management. 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 assessment and management under the supervision of the treating consultant. This includes, but is not limited to, attending acute and elective admissions during normal working hours, review of inpatients, outpatient clinics and leading consultant ward rounds. It is expected that you will have an in-depth knowledge of any inpatients and relevant outpatients, their clinical problems and psychosocial issues.
- Apply good time management skills and clinical judgement while learning the basic endoscopic skills of endoscopy and colonoscopy, as dictated by your supervisors.
- Communicate empathetically with patients and their families. It is the advanced trainee's responsibility to ensure that patients and next of kin are aware and understand, if possible, the patient's diagnosis, management plan and any consequences of recommended treatment.
- Pay particular attention to unwell patients with frequent reviews, organise management as appropriate, including ICU referral, and ensure that there is relevant documentation in the medical record. It is also the advanced trainee's responsibility to notify the next of kin of the patient's condition.
- Review consults within 24 hours of referral (or earlier if urgent) and discuss management with the supervising consultant, including the frequency of review. Generally, complex patients and/or patients under surgical bed cards should be reviewed daily.
- Coordinate appropriate referral to other specialty departments and services.
- Instigate and follow up appropriate investigations, including outpatient pathology and radiology where appropriate.

- Formulate management plans independently but also to implement the decisions of senior medical staff. You are expected to keep your supervising consultant informed of patient issues and seek his/her advice if you are unsure of management or if a patient is critically unwell.
- Be responsible for the communication of the unit to other health professionals, including the completion of discharge summaries in a timely manner by junior medical staff. In particular, it is also expected that you will correspond directly with general practitioners where appropriate.
- Oversee the documentation of any changes to management clearly and concisely in the medical record to allow good continuity of patient care after hours.
- Hand over critically unwell patients or any outstanding investigation results to the covering registrar.
- Lead team meetings or family conferences in the consultant's absence.
- Maintain the development of professional knowledge and skills through active involvement in the education programs of the hospital, the Queensland Gastroenterology Education Program, the RACP, and satisfy the requirements of the Conjoint Committee for Recognition of Training in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (CCRTGE). This includes annual updating of advanced life support skills through the hospital's educational program, and timely completion of CCRTGE logbook.
- Support research or quality improvement activities of the unit as directed.
- Participate in the on-call roster of the facility as required.
- Contribute to other activities as defined by the director of the unit.

Qualifications/Professional registration/other essential requirements

- MBBS or equivalent qualification
- General Registration with the Medical Board of Australia and trainee registration with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)
- successful completion of the RACP written and clinical examinations and basic physician training

How to apply

Refer to the **How to apply** guide on the network webpage

<https://www.careers.health.qld.gov.au/medical-careers/resident-medical-officer-rmo-and-registrar-campaign/medical-specialty-training-programs/medicine-advanced-training/gastroenterology>

Pre-employment screening

Pre-employment screening, including criminal history and discipline history checks, may be undertaken on persons recommended for employment. The recommended applicant will be required to disclose any serious disciplinary action taken against them in public sector employment.

Employee obligations

Vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) requirements

It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) during their employment as per the Queensland Health HR Policy B1 available at

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0034/635893/qh-pol-212.pdf

Occupational Health and Safety

Queensland Health aims to maintain a safe, healthy and secure work environment for all employees, clients, visitors and contractors. Achieving this aim is the responsibility of all.

Respect in the Workplace

Queensland Health values and respects the diversity of its workforce and believes that all its employees should be treated fairly and with dignity and respect. All employees of Queensland Health must show respect for each other, visitors, the general public and contractors by treating them fairly and objectively, ensuring freedom from discrimination, sexual harassment, racial or religious vilification, victimisation and bullying.

Queensland Health is an equal opportunity employer.

Additional information

For more information on employment visit the Queensland Health employment webpage <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment>