

# New curricula

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## Learning, teaching, and assessment programs

### Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine (Paediatrics & Child Health)



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#### About this document

The new Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine (Paediatrics & Child Health) curriculum consists of curriculum standards and learning, teaching, and assessment (LTA) programs.

This document outlines the Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine (Paediatrics & Child Health) LTA programs for trainees and supervisors. It should be used in conjunction with the Advanced Training in Palliative Medicine (Paediatrics & Child Health) [curriculum standards](#).

The new curriculum was approved by the College Education Committee in May 2024. Please refer to the [College website](#) for details on its implementation.

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# Program overview

## CURRICULUM STANDARDS

The [curriculum standards](#) are summarised as 15 learning goals. The learning goals articulate what trainees need to be, do and know, and are assessed throughout training.

<b>BE</b>	1. Professional behaviours
<b>DO</b>	2. Team leadership 3. Supervision and teaching 4. Quality improvement 5. Clinical assessment and management 6. Management of transitions in care settings 7. Manage acute changes in clinical condition 8. Longitudinal care, including management of transitions across developmental ages and stages 9. Communication with patients 10. Prescribing 11. Investigations and procedures 12. End-of-life care
<b>KNOW</b>	13. Symptom management 14. Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions 15. End-of-life and after-death care

## LTA STRUCTURE

The learning, teaching, and assessment (LTA) structure defines the framework for delivery and trainee achievement of the curriculum standards in the program. The program is structured in three phases. These phases establish clear checkpoints for trainee progression and completion.



### Entry criteria

Prospective trainees must have:

- completed RACP Basic Training, including the Written and Clinical Examinations
- general medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia if applying in Australia, or a medical registration with a general scope of practice with the Medical Council of New Zealand and a practising certificate if applying in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- an Advanced Training position in an RACP-accredited training setting or network or an approved non-core training position.

## LTA PROGRAMS

The LTA programs outline the strategies and methods to learn, teach, and assess the curriculum standards.

### Entry

- 1 [entry application](#)

### Learning

Minimum 36 months FTE [professional experience](#)

- 1 [learning plan](#) per rotation

[RACP Advanced Training Orientation resource](#)\*

[RACP Supervisor Professional Development Program](#)

[RACP Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource](#)

[RACP Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy resource](#)

- 1 [communication skills workshop](#) (recommended)

[Recommended resources](#)

### Teaching

- 2 [supervisors](#) per rotation

- 1 [research project supervisor](#)

### Assessment

- 12 [learning captures](#) per phase

- 12 [observation captures](#) per phase

- 4 [progress reports](#) per phase

- 1 [research project](#)

\*Resource will be available in 2025

# About the program

## Purpose of Advanced Training

The RACP offers Advanced Training in 33 diverse medical specialties as part of Division, Chapter, or Faculty training programs.

The purpose of Advanced Training is to develop a workforce of physicians who:

- have received breadth and depth of focused specialist training, and experience with a wide variety of health problems and contexts
- are prepared for and committed to independent expert practice, lifelong learning, and continuous improvement
- provide safe, quality health care that meets the needs of the communities of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Overview of specialty

Paediatric palliative medicine physicians provide holistic supportive care with multidisciplinary teams to provide relief from symptoms and to optimise quality of life during different phases of life-limiting illnesses, including at the end of life, for children and their families.

For the purpose of this document, “children” may refer to perinates, neonates, infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

Paediatric palliative specialists have training, experience, and expertise in:

- partnering with children and families to provide tailored practical and emotional support
- identifying and managing physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and social aspects of care
- providing child- and family-centred care to those with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

Paediatric palliative medicine provision is based on individual needs, and may include:

- high-level interpersonal and communication skills
- competence in assessment and relief of physical, emotional, and existential symptoms
- facilitating discussions between and within families and care teams
- planning for future medical treatment decisions and goals of care
- working within and across multidisciplinary teams
- accessing equipment needed to aid care in both the hospital and home environment
- links to other services, such as home help, financial support, and respite care
- support for emotional, social, and spiritual concerns
- end-of-life and after-death care provision
- counselling and grief support.

## Supervising committee

The program is supervised by the Training Committee in Palliative Medicine.

## Qualification

Trainees who successfully meet the completion standards and criteria of this program will be awarded Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) and the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (FACHPM).

# Learning goals and progression criteria

## Learning, teaching, and assessment structure

The learning, teaching and assessment structure defines the framework for delivery and trainee achievement of the curriculum standards in the Advanced Training program.

Advanced Training is structured in three phases. These phases will establish clear checkpoints for trainee progression and completion.

- 1 Specialty foundation**
  - Orient trainees and confirm their readiness to progress in the Advanced Training program.
- 2 Specialty consolidation**
  - Continue trainees' professional development in the specialty and support progress towards the learning goals.
- 3 Transition to Fellowship**
  - Confirm trainees' achievement of the curriculum standards, completion of Advanced Training, and admission to Fellowship.
  - Support trainees' transition to unsupervised practice.



Figure: Advanced Training learning, teaching, and assessment structure

- An **entry decision** is made before entry into the program.
- **Progress decisions**, based on competence, are made at the end of the specialty foundation and specialty consolidation phases of training.
- A **completion decision**, based on competence, is made at the end of the training program, resulting in eligibility for admission to Fellowship.



Advanced Training is a **hybrid time- and competency-based training program**. There is a minimum time requirement of full-time equivalent experience, and progression and completion decisions are based on evidence of trainees' competence.

## Entry criteria

Entry attributes	<p>Prospective trainees can demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a commitment and capability to pursue a career as a paediatric palliative medicine physician.</li><li>• the ability and willingness to achieve the common learning goals for Advanced Training:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• team leadership</li><li>• supervision and teaching</li><li>• the professional behaviours, as outlined in the Competencies</li></ul></li></ul>
Entry criteria	<p>Prospective trainees must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• completed RACP Basic Training, including the Written and Clinical Examinations.</li><li>• general medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia if applying in Australia, or a medical registration with a general scope of practice with the Medical Council of New Zealand and a practising certificate if applying in Aotearoa New Zealand.</li><li>• an Advanced Training position in an RACP-accredited training setting or network or an approved non-core training position.</li></ul>

## Progression criteria

To progress to the next phase or to complete the program, trainees must demonstrate:

- the ability to plan and manage their learning and to complete their learning and assessment requirements in a timely manner
- achievement of the learning goals to the levels outlined in the [learning goal progression criteria](#).

Training committees or delegated progress review panels will consider evidence supporting trainees' achievement of the progression criteria and make progress decisions.

If criteria have not been met, committees or panels may decide to place conditions on trainees' progression to the next phase of training or not to progress trainees until all criteria have been achieved.



## Learning goals

The [curriculum standards](#) are summarised as **20** learning goals.

The learning goals articulate what trainees need to be, do, and know, and are assessed throughout training on a five-point scale. This scale determines the expected standard for each learning goal at the end of each training phase. Trainees must meet these standards to progress to the next phase or complete the program.

Learning and assessment tools are linked to the learning goals which allows trainees to demonstrate competence across each learning goal.

Levels	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Be: Competencies (professional behaviours)</b>	Needs to work on behaviour in <b>more than 5 domains</b> of professional practice	Needs to work on behaviour in <b>4 or 5 domains</b> of professional practice	Needs to work on behaviour in <b>2 or 3 domains</b> of professional practice	Needs to work on behaviour in <b>1 or 2 domains</b> of professional practice	Consistently behaves in line with <b>all 10 domains</b> of professional practice
<b>Do: Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)</b>	Is able to <b>be present and observe</b>	Is able to <b>act with direct supervision</b>	Is able to <b>act with indirect supervision</b> (e.g. supervisor is physically located within the training setting)	Is able to <b>act with supervision at a distance</b> (e.g. supervisor available to assist via phone)	Is able to <b>provide supervision</b>
<b>Know: Knowledge guides</b>	Has <b>heard of</b> some of the topics in this knowledge guide that underpin specialty practice ( <i>heard of</i> )	<b>Knows</b> the topics and concepts in this knowledge guide that underpin specialty practice ( <i>knows</i> )	<b>Knows how</b> to apply the knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>knows how</i> )	<b>Frequently shows</b> they can apply knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>shows how</i> )	<b>Consistently applies</b> sound knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>does</i> )

		Entry criteria	Progression criteria		Completion criteria
	Learning goals	Entry into training <i>At entry into training, trainees will:</i>	Specialty foundation <i>By the end of this phase, trainees will:</i>	Specialty consolidation <i>By the end of this phase, trainees will:</i>	Transition to fellowship <i>By the end of training, trainees will:</i>
Be	1. Professional behaviours	<b>Level 5</b> consistently behave in line with <b>all 10 domains</b> of professional practice	<b>Level 5</b> consistently behave in line with <b>all 10 domains</b> of professional practice	<b>Level 5</b> consistently behave in line with <b>all 10 domains</b> of professional practice	<b>Level 5</b> consistently behave in line with <b>all 10 domains</b> of professional practice
	2. Team leadership: Contribute leadership within a team of health professionals to provide palliative care for patients	<b>Level 1</b> be able to be present and observe	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
Do	3. Supervision and teaching: Supervise and teach professional colleagues	<b>Level 1</b> be able to be present and observe	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	4. Quality improvement: Identify and address areas requiring improvement in health care delivery in the paediatric palliative care setting	<b>Level 1</b> be able to be present and observe	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance
	5. Clinical assessment and management: Clinically assess and manage the palliative care needs of patients across different stages of life-limiting illnesses	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	6. Management of transitions in care settings: Manage the transition of patient care between care settings and contexts, including hospital, home, and hospice	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	7. Manage acute changes in clinical condition: Manage acute clinical changes in the palliative care setting, including palliative care emergencies	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	8. Longitudinal care, including management of transitions across developmental ages and stages: Manage and coordinate longitudinal care of patients with malignant and non-malignant conditions across developmental ages and stages, including transition between paediatric and adult care settings	<b>Level 1</b> be able to be present and observe	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision

		Entry criteria	Progression criteria		Completion criteria
	Learning goals	Entry into training <i>At entry into training, trainees will:</i>	Specialty foundation <i>By the end of this phase, trainees will:</i>	Specialty consolidation <i>By the end of this phase, trainees will:</i>	Transition to fellowship <i>By the end of training, trainees will:</i>
	<b>9. Communication with patients:</b> Communicate with patients across different stages of life-limiting illnesses	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	<b>10. Prescribing:</b> Prescribe medications tailored to patients' needs, illness stages, prognosis, and goals of care	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	<b>11. Investigations and procedures:</b> Order, undertake, review, and explain outcomes of investigations and procedures in the context of patients' underlying illness stage, prognosis, and goals of care	<b>Level 2</b> be able to act with direct supervision	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
	<b>12. End-of-life care:</b> Plan for and manage the end-of-life and after-death care of patients	<b>Level 1</b> be able to be present and observe	<b>Level 3</b> be able to act with indirect supervision	<b>Level 4</b> be able to act with supervision at a distance	<b>Level 5</b> be able to provide supervision
Know	<b>13. Symptom management</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Have heard of some of the topics in this knowledge guide that underpin specialty practice ( <i>heard of</i> )	<b>Level 3</b> know how to apply the knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>knows how</i> )	<b>Level 4</b> frequently show they can apply knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>shows how</i> )	<b>Level 5</b> consistently apply sound knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>does</i> )
	<b>14. Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Have heard of some of the topics in this knowledge guide that underpin specialty practice ( <i>heard of</i> )	<b>Level 3</b> know how to apply the knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>knows how</i> )	<b>Level 4</b> frequently show they can apply knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>shows how</i> )	<b>Level 5</b> consistently apply sound knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>does</i> )
	<b>15. End-of-life and after-death care</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Have heard of some of the topics in this knowledge guide that underpin specialty practice ( <i>heard of</i> )	<b>Level 3</b> know how to apply the knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>knows how</i> )	<b>Level 4</b> frequently show they can apply knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>shows how</i> )	<b>Level 5</b> consistently apply sound knowledge in this knowledge guide to specialty practice ( <i>does</i> )

# Learning, teaching, and assessment requirements

## Overview

### Requirements over the course of training

What do trainees need to do?	When do trainees need to do it?
<b>Entry</b>	
1 <a href="#">entry application</a>	At the start of the specialty foundation phase.
<b>Learning</b>	
Minimum 36 months full time equivalent (FTE) <a href="#">professional experience</a>	Minimum 12 months FTE during each phase.
<a href="#">RACP Advanced Training Orientation resource</a>	Available in 2025.
<a href="#">RACP Supervisor Professional Development Program</a>	Before the end of Advanced Training.
<a href="#">RACP Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource</a>	Before the end of Advanced Training, if not completed during Basic Training. Recommended completion before the specialty consolidation phase.
<a href="#">RACP Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy resource</a>	Before the end of Advanced Training. Recommended completion before the transition to fellowship phase.
1 <a href="#">communication skills workshop</a> (recommended)	Recommended completion before the end of Advanced Training.
<a href="#">Recommended resources</a>	Recommended completion over the course of Advanced Training.
<b>Teaching</b>	
Nominate 1 <a href="#">research project supervisor</a>	Recommended to be nominated before the specialty consolidation phase.
<b>Assessment</b>	
1 <a href="#">research project</a>	Before the end of Advanced Training. Recommended submission before the transition to fellowship phase.

### Requirements per phase

What do trainees need to do?	When do trainees need to do it?
<b>Learning</b>	
1 <a href="#">learning plan</a> per rotation	At the start of the rotation.
<b>Teaching</b>	
Nominate 2 <a href="#">supervisors</a> per rotation	At the start of each accredited or approved training rotation.
<b>Assessment</b>	
12 <a href="#">learning captures</a>	Minimum 1 per month.
12 <a href="#">observation captures</a>	Minimum 1 per month.
4 <a href="#">progress reports</a>	Minimum 1 every 3 months.

## Entry

### Entry application

#### How to apply

Trainees are to submit an entry application for the program using the College's new Training Management Platform (TMP).

Further information on how to access the TMP will be available in 2025.

Applications will be assessed against the program [entry criteria](#).

## Learning

### Learning blueprint

This high-level learning program blueprint outlines which of the learning goals the learning requirements *could align* and *will align* with.

Learning goals	Learning requirements						
	Professional experience	Learning plan	RACP Advanced Training Orientation resource	RACP Supervisor Professional Development Program	RACP Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource	RACP Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy resource	Palliative Medicine communication skills workshop (recommended)
1. Professional behaviours	Will align	Will align	Will align	Will align	Will align	Will align	Will align
2. Team leadership	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align
3. Supervision and teaching	Could align	x	x	Will align	x	x	Could align
4. Quality improvement	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	x
5. Clinical assessment and management	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align
6. Management of transitions in care settings	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align
7. Manage acute changes in clinical condition	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align
8. Longitudinal care, including management of transitions across developmental ages and stages	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align
9. Communication with patients	Could align	x	x	x	Will align	x	Will align
10. Prescribing	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align
11. Investigations and procedures	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Could align

<b>12. End-of-life care</b>	Could align	x	x	x	x	x	Will align
<b>13. Symptom management</b>	Could align	x	x	x	Could align	Could align	Could align
<b>14. Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions</b>	Could align	x	x	x	Could align	Could align	Could align
<b>15. End-of-life and after-death care</b>	Could align	x	x	x	Could align	Could align	Could align

## Professional experience

These requirements can be completed in any sequence over the course of training.

<b>Professional experience</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete at least 36 months of relevant professional experience in approved rotations.</li></ul>
<b>Location of training</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete training in at least 2 different accredited training settings.</li><li>Complete at least 24 months of training in accredited training settings in Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand.</li></ul>
<b>Experiential training</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum 12 months full-time equivalent (FTE) (and up to a maximum of 18 months FTE) in paediatric palliative medicine training</li><li>Minimum 6 months FTE (and up to a maximum of 12 months FTE) in adult palliative medicine training</li><li>Maximum 6 months FTE in relevant paediatric specialty training</li><li>Maximum 6 months FTE in a prospective approved non-core training position(s). The following may be suitable non-core training for palliative medicine:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>medical practice essential to specialist palliative medicine</li><li>research or academic study in a palliative medicine-related area</li></ul></li></ul>

## Learning plan

<b>Requirement</b>
1 x learning plan per rotation.
<b>Description</b>
The learning plan is a work-based learning tool that documents what trainees intend to learn during their rotation.
<b>Purpose</b>
<p>The learning plan assists trainees in planning their learning for each rotation. It helps trainees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>explicitly document self-assessment of their learning gaps, goal setting, and strategies to address and achieve goals</li><li>proactively take control of their learning and career trajectories</li><li>enhance awareness of their own areas of strengths and gaps</li><li>make the most of learning opportunities available in their training setting, including conversations with supervisors.</li></ul>
<b>How to complete it</b>



Learning plans will be completed using the College's new Training Management Platform. Further information on how to complete a learning plan will be available in 2025.

## Courses

### RACP Advanced Training Orientation resource

#### Requirement

1 x RACP Advanced Training Orientation resource.

#### Description

More information on this resource will be available in 2025.

### RACP Supervisor Professional Development Program

#### Requirement

1 x RACP Supervisor Professional Development Program (SPDP), completed by the end of Advanced Training.

#### Description

The SPDP consists of 3 workshops:

- Educational Leadership and Management
- Learning Environment and Culture
- Teaching and Facilitating Learning for Safe Practice

See [Supervisor Professional Development Program](#) for more information on the program.

#### Purpose

This requirement aims to prepare trainees for a supervisory/educator role in the workplace and supports trainees' learning aligned with the "team leadership" and "supervision and teaching" learning goals.

#### How to complete it

[Register for a supervisor workshop.](#)

Trainees can complete the SPDP in three ways:

- Virtual workshops
- Face-to-face workshops
- Online courses.

Workshops are free and presented by volunteer Fellows trained in SPDP facilitation.

## RACP Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource

### Requirement

1 x Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource, if not completed during Basic Training.

Trainees must complete the resource by the end of their Advanced Training however it's recommended they complete it before the specialty consolidation phase.

### Description

The Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource teaches best practice medicine for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori patients through reflection on the trainee's own cultural values and recognition of their influence on professional practice.

Estimated completion time: 2 hours.

### Purpose

This resource supports trainees' learning aligned with the "professional behaviours" learning goal. Specialist training requires trainees to:

- examine their own implicit biases
- be mindful of power differentials
- develop reflective practice
- undertake transformative unlearning
- contribute to a decolonisation of health services for Indigenous peoples

### How to complete it

Trainees can complete the [Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety resource](#) on RACP Online Learning.

Trainees will receive a certificate of completion on RACP Online Learning when they complete the resource. Completion of this requirement will automatically update in the Training Management Platform.

## RACP Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy resource

### Requirement

1 x RACP Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy resource, completed by the end of Advanced Training.

### Description

This resource has been designed for Advanced Trainees, as an introduction to health policy, systems, and advocacy.

Estimated completion time: 5 hours.

### Purpose

The resource aims to support Advanced Trainees in meeting the health policy, systems, and advocacy professional standard and underpinning competencies outlined in their specialty curriculum, and to enable connections between Advanced Trainees' own practice and the nature and attributes of local, national, and global health systems.

#### How to complete it

Trainees can complete the [RACP Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy resource](#) on RACP Online Learning.

Trainees will receive a certificate of completion on RACP Online Learning when they complete the resource. Completion of this requirement will automatically update in the Training Management Platform.

### Communication skills workshop (recommended)

#### Requirement

Recommended: Attend 1 x palliative medicine communication skills workshop by the end of Advanced Training.

#### Description

Suitable workshops include those run by:

- RACP Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine
- Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine
- Sydney Institute of Palliative Medicine
- Queensland Palliative Medicine Training Network
- Deakin University

Contact the relevant organisation for more workshop information.

#### Purpose

To provide trainees with essential communication skills training specific to palliative medicine.

#### How to complete it

As this is a recommended activity, trainees are not required to provide evidence of attendance. However, they may wish to record their learning experience using the learning capture tool.

Learning captures will be completed using the College's new Training Management Platform. Instructions on how to complete a learning capture will be available in 2025.

### Recommended resources

- [RACP Communication Skills resource](#)
- [RACP Ethics resource](#)
- [RACP Introduction to Leadership, Management and Teamwork resource](#)
- [RACP Research Projects resource](#)
- [RACP eLearning resources](#)
- [RACP curated collections](#)



# Teaching

## Supervision

### Rotation supervisors

Trainees are to have 2 x supervisors per rotation, including:

- Minimum 1 x supervisor, who is a Fellow of the RACP in Palliative Medicine (Paediatrics & Child Health) or a Fellow of the AChPM.

### Nominating eligible supervisors

Trainees will be asked to nominate rotation supervisors as part of their learning plan.

Trainees are required to nominate [eligible supervisors](#) who meet the above requirements.

A list of eligible supervisors can be found on [MyRACP](#). The list is not available for post-Fellowship trainees. Post-Fellowship trainees can [contact us](#) to confirm supervisor eligibility.

### Research project supervisor

Trainees are to nominate 1 x research project supervisor over the course of Advanced Training. Recommended to be nominated before the specialty consolidation phase.

The research project supervisor guides trainees with their project choice, method, data analysis and interpretation, and quality of written and oral presentation.

More information about this role can be found in the Advanced Training research project guidelines.

## Assessment

### Assessment blueprint

This high-level assessment program blueprint outlines which of the learning goals *could be* and *will be* assessed by the assessment tools.

Learning goals	Assessment tools			
	Learning capture	Observation capture	Progress report	Research project
1. Professional behaviours	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	Will assess
2. Team leadership	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
3. Supervision and teaching	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
4. Quality improvement	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	Could assess
5. Clinical assessment and management	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
6. Management of transitions in care settings	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
7. Manage acute changes in clinical condition	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
8. Longitudinal care, including management of transitions across development ages and stages	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
9. Communication with patients	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
10. Prescribing	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x

<b>11. Investigations and procedures</b>	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
<b>12. End-of-life care</b>	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	x
<b>13. Symptom management</b>	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	Could assess
<b>14. Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions</b>	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	Could assess
<b>15. End-of-life and after-death care</b>	Could assess	Could assess	Will assess	Could assess

## Learning capture

### Requirement

12 x learning captures per phase of training, minimum 1 per month.

Refer to [RACP Flexible Training Policy](#) for further information on part-time training (item 4.2).

### Description

The learning capture is a work-based assessment tool that logs evidence of a trainee's learning experiences and includes their reflective commentary. This tool is trainee-led, with optional input from assessors.

Suitable learning experiences include:

- professional experiences
- courses and workshops
- personal reflection
- readings and resources.

### Purpose

The learning capture helps trainees document and reflect on learning experiences that are relevant to their learning goals. Each learning capture will form one piece of data that will be considered as part of a trainee's overall program of assessment.

Reflection is important for learning and a career in medicine, improving understanding, showing outcomes of learning and promoting lifelong learning. Reflection is also valuable in improving clinical competence and performance and for ensuring continual professional development (Kaufman & Mann 2010\*).

\*Kaufman, D M & Mann, K V 2010. Teaching and learning in medical education: How theory can inform practice. In Swanwick, T (ed.), Understanding Medical Education: Evidence, Theory and Practice, ASME: Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, p. 16-36.

### How to complete it

Learning captures will be completed using the College's new Training Management Platform. Instructions on how to complete a learning capture will be available in 2025.

## Observation capture

### Requirement

12 x observation captures per phase of training, minimum 1 per month.

Refer to [RACP Flexible Training Policy](#) for further information on part-time training (item 4.2).

### Description

The observation capture is a work-based assessment tool that documents a supervised observation of a trainee's performance undertaking a work-task. A range of assessors can observe a trainee completing a work task and provide them with feedback. It is useful to a trainee's development to seek feedback from a variety of colleagues.



Observation captures can be conducted by a variety of assessors, including those who are not directly involved with supervising the trainee. Assessors can include supervisors, allied health team members, patients, or other colleagues.

### Purpose

The observation capture helps trainees document a supervised observation of their performance undertaking a work-task relevant to their learning goals. Each observation capture will form one piece of data that will be considered as part of a trainee's overall program of assessment.

Direct observation is a key assessment strategy in medical education. Conducting frequent observations provides information on performance specific to the context and moment in time when an activity was observed. This could include a clinical task such as taking a history from a patient or explaining a management plan to a family. Each observation capture is linked to the trainee's learning goals.

### How to complete it

Observation captures will be completed using the College's new Training Management Platform. Instructions on how to complete an observation capture will be available in 2025.

## Progress report

### Requirement

4 x progress reports per phase of training, minimum 1 every 3 months.

Refer to [RACP Flexible Training Policy](#) for further information on part-time training (item 4.2).

### Description

The progress report documents and assesses trainees' progress towards their learning goals during a period of training.

At the end of the period of training, trainees will complete a self-assessment to rate their level of competence against each of their learning goals. Supervisors will review trainees' evidence of learning and results from work-based assessments, rate and provide feedback on trainees' progress against all their learning goals. At the end of each phase the supervisor will make a recommendation regarding trainees' readiness to progress to the next phase of training.

### Purpose

The progress report provides trainees and supervisors the opportunity to assess and reflect on trainees' progress towards their learning goals.

### How to complete it

Progress reports will be completed using the College's new Training Management Platform. Instructions on how to complete a progress report will be available in 2025.

## Research project

### Requirement

1 x research project over the course of Advanced Training.

### Description

The research project should be one with which the trainee has had significant involvement in designing, conducting the research and analysing data. Trainees may work as part of a larger research project but must have significant input into a particular aspect of the study.

Research projects are not required to be specialty-specific but are required to be broadly relevant to trainees' area of specialty. Broadly relevant can be defined as topics that can enhance, complement and inform trainees' practice in the chosen specialty.

Three types of research projects are accepted:

- Research in human subjects, populations and communities or laboratory research
- Audit
- Systematic review

The trainee must have a research project supervisor who may or may not be one of their rotation supervisors.

The research project is marked by the training committee as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory and trainees receive qualitative feedback about their project. The research project should be submitted for marking by the end of the specialty consolidation phase to allow time for resubmission in the transition to Fellowship phase if the project is unsatisfactory.

### Purpose

The research project enabled trainees to gain experience in research methods; in interpretation of research literature; in participation in research at some stage of their career; and to develop quality improvement skills. Submission of a research project provides evidence of the skills of considering and defining research problems; the systematic acquisition, analysis, synthesis and interpretation of data; and effective written communication.

### How to complete it

Detailed information on how to complete the research project can be found in the Advanced Training research project guidelines.

Email research project submissions to [Research.Project@racp.edu.au](mailto:Research.Project@racp.edu.au) by one of the following deadlines:

- 31 March
- 15 June
- 15 September.

# Roles and responsibilities

## Advanced Trainee

Role
A member who is registered with the RACP to undertake one or more Advanced Training programs.
Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain employment in accredited training settings.</li><li>• Act as a self-directed learner:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ be aware of the educational requirements outlined in the relevant curricula and education policies</li><li>○ actively seek and reflect on feedback from assessors, supervisors, and other colleagues</li><li>○ plan, reflect on, and manage their learning and progression against the curricula standards</li><li>○ adhere to the deadlines for requirements of the training program.</li></ul></li><li>• Actively participate in training setting / network accreditation undertaken by the RACP.</li><li>• Complete the annual Physician Training Survey to assist the RACP and training settings with ongoing quality improvement of the program.</li></ul>

## Rotation supervisor

Role
A consultant who provides direct oversight of an Advanced Trainee during a training rotation.
Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be aware of the educational requirements outlined in the relevant curricula and education policies.</li><li>• Oversee and support the progression of Advanced Trainees within the setting:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Assist trainees to plan their learning during the rotation.</li><li>○ Support colleagues to complete observation captures with trainees.</li><li>○ Provide feedback to trainees through progress reports.</li></ul></li><li>• Actively participate in rotation accreditation undertaken by the RACP.</li><li>• Complete the annual Physician Training Survey to assist the RACP and training settings with ongoing quality improvement of the program.</li></ul>

## Assessor

Role
A person who provides feedback to trainees via the Observation Capture or Learning Capture tool. This may include consultants and other medical professionals, allied health

professionals, nursing staff, patients and their families, administrative staff, and consumer representatives.

### Responsibilities

- Be aware of the learning goals of the training program.
- Provide feedback to support the progression of Advanced Trainees within the setting:
  - Complete Observation Captures.
  - Provide feedback on Learning Captures as required.

## Progress Review Panel

### Role

A group convened to make evidence-based decisions on Advanced Trainees' progression through and certification of training.

More information on Progress Review Panels will be available in 2025.

### Responsibilities

- Review and assess trainees' progress.
- Communicate and report on progression decisions.
- Monitor delivery of the Advanced Training program.
- Ensure compliance to regulatory, policy and ethical matters.

## RACP oversight committees

### Role

RACP-administered committees with oversight of the Advanced Training Program in Australia and New Zealand. This includes the relevant training committee and/or Aotearoa New Zealand training subcommittee.

### Responsibilities

- Oversee implementation of the Advanced Training program in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand:
  - Manage and review program requirements, accreditation requirements, and supervision requirements.
  - Monitor implementation of training program requirements.
  - Implement RACP education policy.
  - Oversee trainees' progression through the training program.
  - Monitor the accreditation of training settings.
  - Case manage trainees on the Training Support pathway.
  - Review progression and certification decisions on application in accordance with the RACP Reconsideration, Review, and Appeals By-Law.
- Work collaboratively with Progress Review Panels to ensure the delivery of quality training.
- Provide feedback, guidance, recommendations, and reasoning for decision making to trainees and supervisors.

- Declare conflicts of interest and excuse themselves from decision making discussions when conflicts arise.
- Report to the overseeing RACP committee as required.

# Resources

## For trainees

- [Education policies](#)
- [Trainee support](#)
- [Trainee responsibilities](#)
- [Accredited settings](#)
- [Training fees](#)

## For supervisors

- [Supervisor Professional Development Program](#)
- [RACP Research Supervision resource](#)
- [RACP Training Support resource](#)
- [RACP Creating a Safe Workplace resource](#)