



The College uses the following criteria for the accreditation of hospitals for Basic Paediatric Physician Training:
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- **Level 3 Teaching Hospital:**
 - A maximum of 36 months of Basic Training may be undertaken in a Level 3 Paediatric Teaching Hospital (although it need not be in the one hospital).
 - At least nine of the 36 months of Basic Training must be spent in a Level 3 Paediatric Teaching Hospital.
- **Level 2 Teaching Hospital:**
 - Up to 27 months of the 36 months of Basic Training may be undertaken in a Level 2 Paediatric Teaching Hospital.
- **Secondment Site:**
 - Training in Paediatric Secondment Hospitals will be on rotation from a Level 3 or Level 2 Paediatric Teaching Hospital.
 - A maximum of 12 months may be undertaken per Paediatric Secondment Hospital.

Level 3 and Level 2 Teaching Hospitals need to ensure that they meet the relevant criteria and agree to host the FRACP Divisional Clinical Examination when required.

How to apply for Accreditation

Requests for accreditation must be submitted to the Accreditation Subcommittee via the Site Accreditation Unit. All requests must include a cover letter and a completed Paediatric Medicine Site Assessment Form.

All submissions are to be emailed to: accreditation@racp.edu.au

The cover letter must outline the site's suitability as a training site with reference to the relevant criteria (see below) to be included. All correspondence must be addressed to:

***The Chair
Paediatric Medicine Accreditation Subcommittee
The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
145 Macquarie St
SYDNEY NSW 2000***

Applications will be considered by the Accreditation Subcommittee at their next meeting and an accreditation assessment (site visit) will be scheduled if required.

- The process for accreditation and reaccreditation of Secondment Sites requires the submission of a completed Site Assessment Form and a letter of recommendation from the Director of Paediatric Education at the parent facility to the Accreditation Subcommittee for review.
- The College does not routinely undertake accreditation assessments to Secondment Sites unless determined necessary by the Accreditation Subcommittee or the site is applying for an upgrade in accreditation status.
- For sites requesting an accreditation upgrade, submission of the following documents are required to accompany the completed Site Assessment Form and cover letter: trainee rosters, academic appointments in subspecialties, and an education schedule.

Hospitals seeking College accreditation as a training site for the first time must apply to the Accreditation Subcommittee in the calendar year prior to the year they would like accreditation to commence. Sufficient notice needs to be given in order for an accreditation assessment to take place.

Contact

Site Accreditation Unit
Accreditation@racp.edu.au
Phone: 1300 MyRACP
(1300 69 7227)

Level 3 Teaching Hospital

A Level 3 Teaching Hospital shall have:

- At least two departments within the Division of Paediatric Medicine that are considered academic departments on the following criteria:
 1. The department is headed by a professorial or associate professorial appointee based full-time at the hospital
 2. The department is staffed by two or more senior academic appointees
- An established medical student program as well as demonstrated activity in clinical and basic research on the basis of grants and published papers
- At least ten medical specialty departments (Division of Paediatric Medicine) including general paediatrics, each headed by a paediatrician with a substantial (at least half time) appointment
- At least five registrar positions within the Division of Paediatric Medicine occupied by Basic Paediatric Trainees
- A Director of Paediatric Education (DPE) who shall be assisted by a senior registrar nominated by the Division of Paediatric Medicine and an established training program aimed at Basic Paediatric Trainees
- An intensive care unit with a director having a full-time appointment. In Basic Training you shall have a role in the longitudinal care of their patients who are admitted to the unit
- Availability of a wide range of paediatric surgical services
- An emergency department with a director holding a substantial (at least half time) appointment. In Basic Training you shall have a role in the initial management of patients admitted under your care through the department
- Comprehensive paediatric diagnostic laboratory and imaging facilities including CT scanning and nuclear medicine and staff appropriately trained in the provision of these paediatric services
- Access to and involvement in a wide range of ambulatory and community based care facilities
- A comprehensive and accessible medical library appropriately equipped for paediatric training

Level 2 Teaching Hospital (General Paediatric Teaching Hospital)

A Level 2 Teaching Hospital shall have:

- A Director of Paediatric Education (DPE) who shall be assisted by a senior registrar nominated by the Division of Paediatric Medicine and an established training program aimed at Basic Paediatric Trainees
- General Paediatric medicine, including inpatient and outpatient services
- Some sub-specialty medical and surgical paediatric services should be available on a regular basis
- General paediatric surgery
- A neonatal intensive care unit
- Paediatric intensive care services
- Paediatric emergency department services with specific services for children
- A community paediatric, child development or mental health service
- Paediatric radiology and diagnostic laboratory services
- An academic paediatric presence of at least Associate Professorial status and continuous involvement in medical student training
- At least four general paediatricians
- A Director of Neonatal Services
- An emergency paediatrician with specific paediatric training
- At least four paediatric registrar or resident positions at basic trainee level
- At least two advanced trainee positions

Secondment Site

A Secondment Site shall have:

- A dedicated paediatric service, including emergency facilities for children
- A consultant paediatrician or paediatric specialist available at all times
- Adequate supervision and structured training for paediatric trainees
- Adequate educational resources for paediatrics
- Adequate investigative resources for paediatrics
- Flexible rotations to allow, within reason, time or attendance for training at the 'parent' teaching program

These requirements shall allow accreditation for secondment for basic paediatric training of a maximum of 12 months in any one hospital.

Secondment Sites shall be reviewed yearly by the DPE and may be site visited by the Accreditation Subcommittee on request.