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Accrediting posts, programs & courses

The RANZCP is responsible for accrediting training programs and posts in psychiatry, to ensure they provide quality training experiences that facilitate the training of safe and competent psychiatrists.

The RANZCP has developed accreditation standards covering main educational, clinical, and governance areas. A key RANZCP role is to define these standards, and it

is the task of the Accreditation Committee of the Education Committee to monitor the application of the standards through accreditation reviews of psychiatry training programs in Australia and New Aotearoa Zealand.

Accreditation of the RANZCP Fellowship Program is at two levels: training programs and training posts.

Training program accreditation

An accredited training program consists of accredited posts located across many health services, which are not necessarily funded by the one body. For example, a training program may include accredited posts in the following settings:

- a health service funded by the state or territory jurisdiction

- a private practice or private hospital

- a community setting funded by the Commonwealth (in Australia).

Sites, or individual health services, are not accredited by the RANZCP for the training of psychiatrists.

Accreditation of training programs is the responsibility of the Accreditation Committee.

- Training program accreditation standards [PDF; 399 KB]

- Accreditation Policy [PDF; 261 KB]

- Removal of Accreditation Policy [PDF; 275 KB]

Apply for training program accreditation

Application for accreditation of a new Fellowship Program zone

Accreditation panel

The Fellowship Program Accreditation Panel is comprised of four RANZCP members who are appointed by the Accreditation Committee to assess training programs.

- Fellowship Program Accreditation Panel Terms of Reference [PDF; 99 KB]

- Fellowship Program Accreditation Panel – Lead Member Position Description [PDF; 149 KB]

- Fellowship Program Accreditation Panel – Second Member Position Description [PDF; 149 KB]

- Fellowship Program Accreditation Panel – Trainee Member Position Description [PDF; 118 KB]

- Fellowship Program Accreditation Panel – Accreditation Officer Position Description [PDF; 95 KB]

Apply to become an accreditation panel member

Expression of Interest – Accreditation Panel [MS Word; 121 KB]

Training post accreditation

Accreditation of training posts is the responsibility of the relevant Branch Training Committee or the New Zealand Training Committee (BTC) or the New Zealand Training Committee (NZTC). If you seek to have a post accredited, please contact your BTC or the NZTC via the contact details at Training contacts | RANZCP.

The Post Accreditation Standards apply to new training posts and to the review of existing posts. To support Branches and health service providers in the interpretation of the Standards, guidelines on specific aspects are published periodically.

- Post accreditation standards [PDF; 186 KB]

- Guideline for appropriate adult acute inpatient workloads for RANZCP trainees [PDF; 178 KB]

Formal Education Course (FEC) accreditation

Accreditation of FECs is the responsibility of the Accreditation Committee.

- Formal Education Course Accreditation Standards [PDF; 203 KB]

- FEC Accreditation Panel Terms of Reference [PDF; 100 KB]

- FEC Accreditation Panel – Lead Member Position Description [PDF; 89 KB]

- FEC Accreditation Panel – Second Member Position Description [PDF; 88 KB]

- FEC Accreditation Panel – Trainee Member Position Description [PDF; 144 KB]

- FEC Accreditation Panel – Accreditation Officer Position Description [PDF; 86 KB]

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