



NSW/ACT

- Beyond Medical Education: www.beyondmedical.com.au
- CoastCityCountry General Practice Training: www.ccctraining.org
- General Practice Training – Valley to Coast: www.gptvc.com.au
- GP Synergy: www.gpsynergy.com.au
- North Coast GP Training: www.ncgpt.org.au
- WentWest: www.wentwest.com.au

Northern Territory

- Northern Territory General Practice Education: www.ntgpe.org

Queensland

- Central and Southern Qld Training Consortium: www.csqtc.qld.edu.au
- Queensland Rural Medical Education: www.qrme.org.au
- Tropical Medical Training: www.medicaltraining.com.au

South Australia

- Adelaide to Outback General Practice Training Program: www.adelaidetooutback.com.au
- Sturt Fleurieu GP Education and Training: www.sfgpet.com.au

Tasmania

- General Practice Training Tasmania: www.gptt.com.au
- University of Tasmania - Rural Clinical School: www.rcs.utas.edu.au

Victoria

- Beyond Medical Education: www.beyondmedical.com.au
- Bogong Regional Training Network: www.bogong.org.au
- Southern GP Training: www.southerngptraining.com.au
- Victorian Metropolitan Alliance: www.vma.com.au

Western Australia

- University of Western Australia – School of Primary, Aboriginal and Rural Health Care: www.sparhc.uwa.edu.au
- Western Australian General Practice Education and Training: www.wagpet.com.au

Prevocational General Practice Placements Program



St George Medical Centre, QLD



"My adventure began when I packed my car and made my way to St George, a charming rural town in the Western Downs of Queensland with a population of approximately 2500. My work responsibilities included the care of private patients at St George Hospital and, for the majority of my time, consulting in the St George Medical Centre. In the general practice setting, I have become accustomed to

the diverse range of presentations, and I take much pleasure in drawing upon a broad range of skills and knowledge in optimising patient management. Certainly there have been some obstacles to date, but I am extremely privileged to be well supported by my GP supervisor.

I would highly recommend the PGPPP to any doctor who is currently brooding over their potential career pathway. The PGPPP gives a unique insight into working life in general practice that cannot be appreciated from the 'comfort zone' of the hospital. At the risk of using a cliché, it is all too true that 'nothing ventured, nothing gained', so apply for the PGPPP and open your mind to the wonderful world of general practice!"

Dr Katya Groeneveld, PGPPP PGY1 2010

The Prevocational General Practice Placements program (PGPPP) provides junior doctors with professional, well supervised and educational general practice placements as part of their training.

The aims of the program are to:

- Build junior doctors' confidence, exposure and interest in working in urban, regional, rural and remote areas through supervised general practice placements of varying duration, approximately 10-12 weeks
- Increase junior doctors' understanding of the integration between primary and secondary health care
- Provide an experience that allows junior doctors to make informed decisions when considering a career in general practice.

PGPPP placement overview

The PGPPP provides junior doctors with unique general practice experiences through:

- A real life experience in general practice over and above that of undergraduate training
- Exposure to a variety of health services from migrant to aged care health services
- Ongoing and personal mentoring by respected and dedicated GPs in the field
- Direct patient contact in a range of primary care settings such as general practice, Aboriginal medical services, drug and alcohol services and community-based facilities
- Enhanced understanding of the Australian health care system
- Great networking opportunities
- Increased confidence and independence to take into future training and work environments
- An opportunity to work in general practice in a range of urban, regional, rural and remote areas
- Well supported placements.

Eligibility for the PGPPP

To be eligible to participate in the PGPPP, you must work at an Australian hospital. For complete eligibility requirements, please contact the junior doctor manager at your hospital.

Program management and delivery

The PGPPP is managed by General Practice Education and Training Ltd (GPET) on behalf of the Australian Government.

The PGPPP is facilitated through providers and delivered by accredited practices and medical services throughout Australia.

Remuneration

Junior doctors will continue to be paid while on their PGPPP rotation.

Interested in the PGPPP? What to do next

Many Australian hospitals are involved in the PGPPP. To find out if your hospital is participating, contact the junior doctor manager at your hospital.

Further information

For more information about the PGPPP and how to get involved contact:

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Stirk Medical Group, WA



"My PGPPP placement was at the Stirk Medical Group in Kalamunda, which is an outer metropolitan practice about 20 kilometres east of Perth. My placement gave me the experience of seeing patients as people, and the patients seeing me as a doctor, rather than just a lowly RMO! It was really great and it felt like such an honour that patients had so much trust in me.

I would totally recommend this experience. For me, it really confirmed my initial inclination to do general practice and convinced me – without any doubt in my mind – that this is what I want to do. I actually found it quite difficult to return to the hospital, because what you do there really feels like just work. Conversely, I learned that in general practice the work was something that really enriched my life."

Dr Kiren Ramegowda, PGPPP PGY4 2009, now an AGPT registrar