

Victorian Rural Generalist Program: Rural Generalist Intern Year

2022 Fact Sheet

Victorian Rural Generalist Program

In 2022, the Rural Generalist Intern Year will be offered across Victoria's five regions:

- Barwon South West region:
South West Vic Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (5 positions)
- Grampians region:
Grampians Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (5 positions)
- Loddon Mallee region:
Loddon-Mallee Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (5 positions)
- Hume region:
Hume Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (15 positions)
- Gippsland region:
Gippsland Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (5 positions)

The Rural Generalist Intern Year is an intern training model based in small rural and sub-regional hospitals with core and non-core rotations to larger regional hospitals, general practices and community settings.

It provides medical graduates with an opportunity to commence their postgraduate training in rural Victoria and sets the foundation for a career as a Rural Generalist.

Victorian Rural Generalist Program internship vs. intern training at a metropolitan hospital

Unlike a metropolitan-based intern, the Rural Generalist Intern gains very thorough hands-on experience as a trainee doctor and has exposure to not only hospital-based care, but also to outpatient care and community-based care.

A key feature of the Rural Generalist Intern Year is the option to undertake up to 20 weeks training in a broad range of community based clinical settings.

Rural Generalist Interns are provided with the opportunity to develop a Rural Generalist training pathway that includes prioritised access to RG2 and RG Advanced positions.

Who should apply for the Rural Generalist Intern Year?

All medical graduates who are eligible to participate in Victoria's annual intern computer match can select any or all the Rural Generalist Intern programs in their preferences. Selection into the program is based on various criteria set by the region, including the graduate's interest in, and intention to, pursue a medical career in rural and regional Victoria, particularly in General Practice.

Rural Generalist Intern Training Programs in Victoria

Barwon South West region:

- **South West Vic Rural Generalist Intern Training Program**

The Barwon South West rotations include core rotations of General Medicine, General Surgery and Emergency Medicine at South West Healthcare, Rehabilitation at St John of God and a Alcohol and other Drug/GP rotation at South West Healthcare. These interns participate in the South West Healthcare orientation and education program.

Grampians region:

- **Grampians Rural Generalist Intern Training Program**

The Grampians rotations include core rotations of Emergency and General Medicine at St John of God Ballarat Hospital, the Surgery core rotation at the East Grampians Health Service or Maryborough District Health Service and General Practice rotations in Maryborough and Ararat, including work at the local hospital and aged care facilities.

Loddon Mallee region:

- **Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern Training Program**

The Loddon Mallee rotations include core rotations in General Surgery, General Medicine and Emergency Medicine at Echuca Regional Health, non-core rotations in Rehabilitation Medicine at Echuca Regional Health and General Practice at Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice.

Hume region:

- **Rural Generalist – Murray to the Mountains Program**

The Hume rotations include 10 core rotations in Medicine, Surgery and Emergency Medicine at Northeast Health Wangaratta, and 5 core rotations in Medicine, Surgery and Emergency Medicine at Albury/Wodonga Health (Albury & Wodonga campus). Interns also undergo training in locations such as Benalla (4 posts), Cobram (2 posts), Kyabram (2 posts), Mansfield (1 post), Mt Beauty/Falls Creek (1 post) and Yarrawonga (5 posts).

Gippsland region:

- **Gippsland Rural Generalist Intern Training Program**

The Gippsland rotations include core rotations of Emergency, General Medicine and Surgery at either the Sale Hospital or the Bairnsdale Hospital, and community-based rotations at either the Clocktower Medical Centre in Sale, Macleod St Medical Centre in Bairnsdale or Cunninghame Arm Medical Centre in Lakes Entrance.

How to apply to for a Rural Generalist Intern Year in a Victorian Rural Generalist Training program

Applications for 2023 internships are made through the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV) intern computer match.

For more information about the PMCV intern match, please visit the PMCV website or contact PMCV via email to allocations@pmcv.com.au.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the VRGP Regional Coordinator in their region of interest to discuss their individual learning and career needs.

Contact

For more information about the Victorian Rural Generalist Program visit their website at www.vicruralgeneralist.com.au.

Barwon South West region:

South West Rural Generalist Intern Training Program

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Hume Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (Murray to the Mountains - M2M)

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