

## Rural Generalist Intern Year



The Rural Generalist Intern Year is an intern training model based in small rural and sub-regional hospitals with a variety of clinical experiences including 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.

### South West Rural Generalist Intern Training Program: (5 positions)

- Includes clinical experiences in Undifferentiated illness care, Chronic illness care, Acute and critical illness care and Perioperative/procedural care.
- Interns experience rural healthcare across a breadth of locations including South West Healthcare and Alcohol and other Drug treatment/General practice service.

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### Grampians Rural Generalist Intern Training Program: (5 positions)

- Includes clinical experiences in Undifferentiated illness care, Chronic illness care, Acute and critical illness care and Perioperative/procedural care.
- Interns will gain valuable rural experience across the region including St John of God Ballarat Hospital, East Grampians Health Service or Maryborough District Health Service and General Practice rotations in Maryborough and Ararat.
- Grampians interns are a part of a strong internal education program also have inclusion to Grampians Health Ballarat education sessions.

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### Loddon Mallee Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (5 positions)

- Interns are exposed to clinical experiences in Undifferentiated illness care, Chronic illness care, Acute and critical illness care and Perioperative/procedural care.
- Clinical experiences are completed at Echuca Regional Health and General Practice at Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice.
- The intern year is well supported and complimented by a robust education program.

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### Hume Rural Generalist Intern Training Program (Murray to the Mountains program) 15 positions

- Includes clinical experiences in Undifferentiated illness care, Chronic illness care, Acute and critical illness care and Perioperative/procedural care.
- Interns experience rural medicine in locations across the region including Northeast Health Wangaratta, Albury/Wodonga Health (Albury & Wodonga campus).
- Interns also complete 20 weeks in General Practice in locations such as Benalla, Cobram, Kyabram, Mansfield, Mt Beauty/Falls Creek and Yarrawonga.

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### Gippsland Rural Generalist Intern Training Program: (5 positions)

- Interns gain clinical experiences in chronic and complex illness, acute care and perioperative/procedural medicine.
- The Gippsland experience is provided at Sale Hospital or Bairnsdale Hospital, Clocktower Medical Centre in Sale, Macleod St Medical Centre in Bairnsdale or Cunninghame Arm Medical Centre in Lakes Entrance host rural General Practice experience.

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## Rural Generalist Internship vs Metropolitan Internship

- Unlike a metropolitan-based intern, the Rural Generalist Intern gains hands-on experience as a trainee doctor and offers exposure to not only hospital-based care, but also to outpatient 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. All Rural Generalist Interns are individually supported by a VRGP Regional Coordinator.
- 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.

- Applications for 2024 internships are made through the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV) Victorian Rural Preferential Allocation (VRPA) 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](mailto: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.

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