

What is a Rural Generalist?

A Rural Generalist is a medical practitioner who is trained to meet the specific current and future healthcare needs of Australian rural and remote communities, in a sustainable and cost-effective way.

All Rural Generalists are trained to provide primary care, emergency medicine, plus many required components of other medical specialist care that is needed to be able to provide comprehensive medical care to the communities in which they work.

Rural Generalists must have completed training in an Advanced Skill to perform a broad range of medical services, including some skills, ordinarily the province of other specialties.

The locations in which RG's can work is very diverse.

There is currently a National review underway to recognize Rural Generalists as a sub-specialty of General Practice.



About VRGP

The Victorian Rural Generalist Program (VRGP) is a coordination unit that supports a statewide end-to-end training program for the Rural Generalist workforce to train, work and live in rural and regional Victoria.

Supported by local & regionally based staff, the program offers support to define a supported pathway in the region of the trainee's choice all the way through to fellowship.

The program provides a diverse and rewarding training experience, with its long-term objective to increase employment of Rural Generalists in rural health services and communities across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health, the GP Colleges, Regional and Rural Health Services and General Practices have supported rural medical workforce programs and play an integral role to ensure that trainees achieve their goal of becoming a Rural Generalist.

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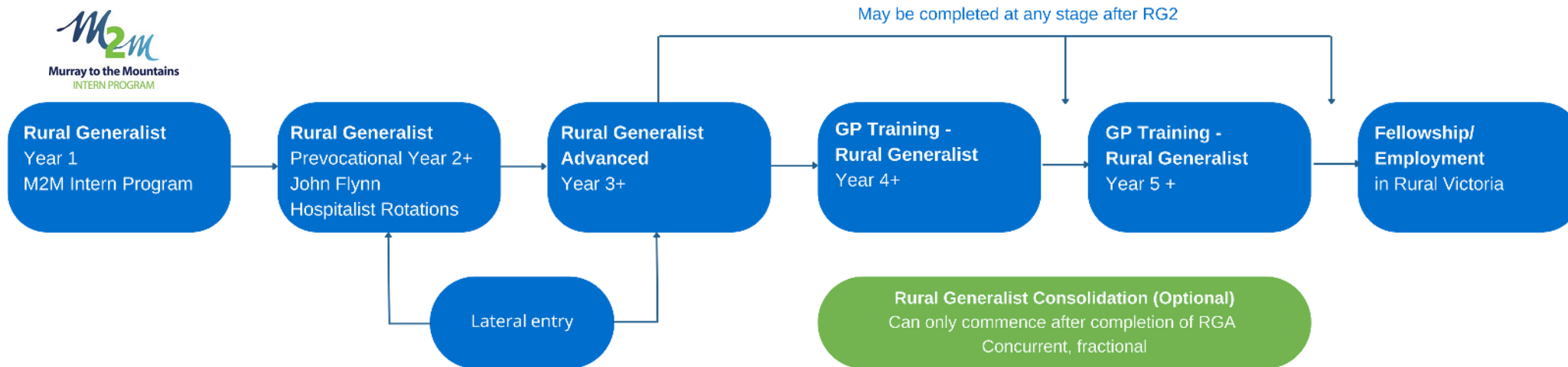
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Murray to the Mountains Intern Program

The Murray to the Mountains Intern Program (M2M) provides medical graduates with a unique hands-on training experience in both rural and regional hospitals, general practice and community settings based in some of Victoria's most beautiful locations providing trainees with an opportunity to live and work where many people choose to holiday.

Hospital intern rotations are completed at either Albury Wodonga Health or Northeast Health Wangaratta across General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics and Emergency Medicine rotations to provide exposure to the four clinical experience categories:

- A - Undifferentiated illness care
- B - Chronic illness care
- C- Acute and critical illness care
- D - Peri-operative/procedural care

10 interns complete their hospital rotations at Northeast Health Wangaratta and 5 interns complete their hospital rotations at Albury Wodonga Health

The M2M Program provides the opportunity for career progression from undergraduate to GP Rural Generalist or Specialist registrar and is a strong foundation for a rural medical career.

Other organisations involved with M2M include the Victorian Rural Generalist Program, Goulburn Valley Regional Training Hub, Border Regional Training Hub & Dr Jump medical mentoring program.

General Practice Rotations

The 20-week extended community-based General Practice rotations will be completed at one of nine participating GP clinics based in some of Victoria's most beautiful locations including:

- Yarrowonga Health
 - Yarrowonga Dennis Medical Group
 - Yarrowonga Medical Clinic & Mulwala Medical Centre & Skin Clinic
- Benalla Health
 - Benalla Carrier Street Clinic
 - Church Street Surgery Benalla
- NCN Health
 - Cobram Medical Clinic
- Kyabram Health
 - Kyabram Regional Clinic
- Alpine Health, Mt Beauty campus
 - Mt Beauty Medical Centre & Falls Creek
- Mansfield District Hospital
 - Central General Practice Mansfield
 - Mansfield Medical Clinic & Integrated Health Service



The M2M Experience

The aim of the M2M experience is for the interns to:

- Maximize trainees exposure to generalist medicine;
- Experience high levels of hands-on clinical experience & training
- Experience medicine in a variety of settings – ambulatory, hospital and residential care;
- Be the patient's first contact and follow the patient journey;
- Have the opportunity to work in rurally based procedural general practice and small rural teaching services for 20 weeks;
- Participate in parallel consulting;
- Be exposed to sports medicine through working in the ski fields or water sports along the Murray River;
- Access a high-quality education program that includes grand rounds, clinical review meetings, geriatric & paediatric video tutorials and Rural Generalist skills workshops;
- Be provided with opportunities to continue their Rural Generalist training pathways at PGY2, 3 & 4 level in partnership with Albury Wodonga Health, Goulburn Valley Health & Northeast Health Wangaratta;
- Be supported in their career aspiration with case management and career counselling provided through the year.