

Live next to the beautiful maunga and awa of Aotearoa

You will be in demand and have the flexibility to work anywhere, from the north of Te Ika-a-Māui, to the south of Te Waipounamu, often in unique and remote settings.

The flexibility of your mahi will mean you can spend more time exploring the outdoors, or with your whānau in beautiful rural Aotearoa.

Many of your patients will live down the road or teach your kids at the local school, making you an integral part of that community.

Key admission dates

APPLICATIONS FEB – APR

Applications open every year in February and close in April.

ACCEPTANCE JUN – JUL

Successful applicants are notified about their formal offer of acceptance in June / July of the same year.

START JAN

Your RHMT year 1 will start the following January.

For further information visit our website at rnzcgp.org.nz



The Royal New Zealand
College of General Practitioners
Te Whare Tohu Rata o Aotearoa



Division of Rural Hospital Medicine

NEW ZEALAND

Te Whare Taiwhenua

Specialise in rural hospital medicine

*and make a difference
wherever you choose to go*



Rural Hospital Medicine Training Programme

The Rural Hospital Medicine Training Programme (RHMTTP) is the course of study that qualifies you to work as a rural hospital doctor and become a Fellow of the Division of Rural Hospital Medicine. It is a four-year full-time programme, overseen by the Division of Rural Hospital Medicine, which is a chapter of The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.

Why specialise?

A rural hospital delivers responsive secondary care – meaning rural doctors must be skilled, multidisciplinary all-rounders, who understand the unique needs of their rural community and care for a diverse range of patients.

“I’ve been so amazed by the skill, passion, and dedication of rural healthcare providers and communities – they’ve been so welcoming to me and open to my ideas, and I’ve taken every opportunity to learn from them and grow as a doctor.”

Dr Ralston D’Souza
is completing a Dual Fellowship
in both GPEP & DRHM.



What does it take to be a rural doctor?

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A skilled all-rounder
who is resourceful and able to think on their feet

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A generalist, able to draw on their **multidisciplinary knowledge** and skills

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A team player, who thrives in a team culture where everyone has each other’s backs

④



The Specialist that **understands the unique and diverse needs** of their rural community



“Rural medicine is clinically satisfying, and it’s rewarding seeing the impact your work has on the lives of your patients.”

Dr Tom Dawson,
Rural Hospital Doctor & GP

How will you learn?

Your learning will take place in rural hospitals and general practices as you complete the required clinical attachments with a mix of compulsory and elective attachments as well as academic components of the programme.

You will **take part in:**

academic study through the University of Otago
practice-based assessments
conferences and training activities
assessments by medical colleagues, administrators, and patients
take part in discussion forums that compliment your learning via our online learning platform.

Your learning will be **supported by:**

an Educational Facilitator, who will be your personal kaiaiko and mentor
our Clinical Leads
a Rotational Supervisor for each of your attachments
the College’s Senior Education Coordinator
and your peers.

Tautoko for Māori and Pacific registrars and Fellows



Tautoko is provided by our specialist staff to registrars who identify as Māori and/or Pasifika on an ongoing basis, including once they have graduated to become members and Fellows of the College. Registrars are encouraged to participate in

Te Akoranga a Māui, the College’s special Māori representative group and/or College’s Pasifika Chapter. Akonga can opt in or opt out of these offerings at any time during their study.



A flexible programme

Study part-time or put your programme on hold if life takes over elsewhere. Talk to our education coordinators in more detail about your plans and they’ll find a solution for your study.



Gain Dual Fellowship

Enrol in our Rural Hospital Medicine Programme and our General Practice Training Programme (GPEP) to gain your Fellowship as a Rural Hospital Medicine Doctor and a Specialist GP.

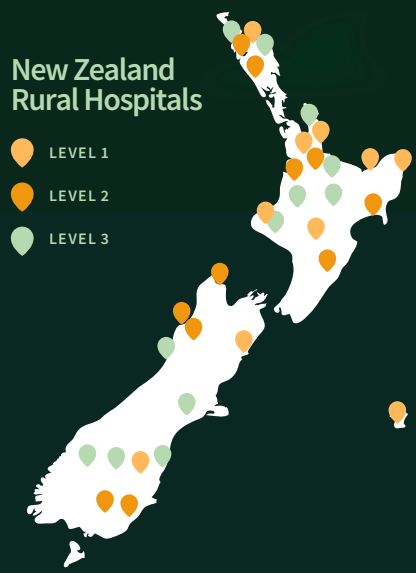


Prior Specialist Training Pathway

Those who have completed training in another speciality or country, can apply for an accelerated course of study to gain Fellowship in either specialisation.



Join an elite team of specialist doctors in rural Aotearoa and make a difference wherever you choose to go.



"I really enjoy the hands-on learning and the 'get stuck in' approach required in rural medicine... it works well for me."

Dr Hannah Lawn, Rural Hospital Doctor
Pictured on front cover

OVER
600,000
 New Zealanders depend on rural hospitals for their health care

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