

# Victorian Rural Generalist Training: Rural Generalist Intern Year

Formerly the Rural Community Intern Training (RCIT) program

2020 Fact Sheet

## Victorian Rural Generalist Training

All Rural Generalist related rural medical workforce programs, including the Rural Community Intern Training (RCIT) program, will be merged into one program and rebranded as the 'Victorian Rural Generalist Training program'.

In 2020, the Rural Generalist Intern Year will be offered in each of the five regions:

- Barwon South West region:  
Rural Generalist – South West Community Intern Program (5 positions)
- Grampians region:  
Rural Generalist – Grampians Rural Community Intern Program (5 positions)
- Loddon Mallee region:  
Rural Generalist – Echuca Intern Network (5 positions)
- Hume region:  
Rural Generalist – Murray to the Mountains Program (15 positions)
- Gippsland region:  
Rural Generalist – East Gippsland Community Based Intern 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.

### Rural Generalist 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 will be provided with prioritised access to Rural Generalist Advanced Skill training positions in PGY3.

### 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. However, 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:

- **Rural Generalist - South West Community Intern 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:

- **Rural Generalist – Grampians Rural Community Intern 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:**

- **Rural Generalist – Echuca Intern Network**

The Loddon Mallee rotations include core rotations in General Surgery and Emergency Medicine at Echuca Regional Health, General Medicine at Bendigo 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, Yarrawonga 5 posts.

#### **Gippsland region:**

- **Rural Generalist – East Gippsland Community Based Intern 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 2020 internships are made through the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV) intern computer match.

## **Contact**

For more information about the PMCV intern computer match, please visit the computer match website, [www.computermatching.pmcv.com.au](http://www.computermatching.pmcv.com.au) or contact PMCV on 03 9670 1066 or by email at [computermatching@pmcv.com.au](mailto:computermatching@pmcv.com.au).

#### **Barwon South West region:**

##### **Rural Generalist - South West Community Intern Program**

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#### **Grampians region:**

##### **Rural Generalist – Grampians Rural Community Intern Program**

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#### **Loddon Mallee region:**

##### **Rural Generalist – Echuca Intern Network**

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#### **Hume region:**

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

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#### **Gippsland region:**

##### **Rural Generalist – East Gippsland Community Based Intern Program**

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