

# FRACGP & FACRRM Quick Comparison Guide

	Fellowship Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP)	Fellowship Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM)
<b>Duration</b>	3 years plus optional optional fourth year in advanced rural skills training (known as Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice)	4 years
<b>Location</b>	Can be undertaken in any RACGP approved facilities within Australia.	Can be undertaken in any ACRRM approved facilities.
<b>Structure</b>	12 months hospital <a href="#">RACGP Vocational Training Pathway – Requirements for Fellowship Policy</a>	12 months known as Core Clinical Time (CCT) usually completed in hospital <a href="#">Fellowship Training Handbook</a>
	18 months GP community based training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 months GP Term 1</li> <li>• 6 months GP Term 2</li> <li>• 6 months GP Term 3</li> </ul> 6 months Extended Skills (Hospital, community GP or community non-GP) <a href="#">RACGP Vocational Training Pathway – Requirements for Fellowship Policy</a>	24 months Primary Rural and Remote Training (PRRT): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Min. 6 months community primary care and population health</li> <li>• Min. 6 months hospital &amp; emergency care</li> <li>• Min. 12 months in location with 'characteristics of rural and remote practice'</li> </ul> The 24 months of primary rural and remote training must be undertaken in one or more ACRRM accredited health services that allow the registrar to cover the broad range of learning experiences described above. <a href="#">Fellowship Training Handbook</a>
	12 months optional advanced rural skills training year: Advanced rural skills may be procedural such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anaesthesia</li> <li>• Obstetrics</li> <li>• Surgery</li> <li>• Emergency medicine</li> </ul> Or non-procedural such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult internal medicine</li> <li>• Paediatrics</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health</li> <li>• Small Town Rural General Practice</li> </ul> Other posts such as dermatology, sports medicine, sexual health etc will be considered after an application is made to the Rural Censor to approve the post. Conditions such as sufficient case load, adequate supervision and either a curriculum or detailed learning plan need to be met. <a href="#">Essential FARGP and ARST Curriculum Information</a>	12 months advanced specialist training area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander Health</li> <li>• Academic Practice</li> <li>• Adult Internal Medicine</li> <li>• Anaesthesia</li> <li>• Emergency Medicine</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Obstetrics and Gynaecology</li> <li>• Paediatrics</li> <li>• Population Health</li> <li>• Remote Medicine</li> <li>• Surgery (24 month post)</li> </ul> <a href="#">ACRRM AST</a>

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<b>Mandatory rotations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General surgery</li> <li>• General internal medicine</li> <li>• Emergency medicine</li> <li>• Paediatric</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">RACGP Paediatric Term Requirements Guidance Document</a></p> <p><a href="#">RACGP CPR and ALS courses</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General surgery</li> <li>• General internal medicine</li> <li>• Emergency medicine</li> <li>• Paediatrics</li> <li>• Obstetrics and gynaecology and</li> <li>• Anaesthesia</li> </ul> <p>Registrars who have missed some terms or have less than 10 weeks in a term may be able to meet the requirement in a number of alternatives. Please refer to the ACRRM Vocational Training Handbook Section 5.1 pp11-13</p> <p><a href="#">Fellowship Training Handbook</a></p>
<b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</b>	<p>Maximum 12 months for hospital based training.</p> <p><a href="#">RACGP Recognition of Prior Learning Policy</a></p>	<p>Maximum 24 months.</p> <p><a href="#">Fellowship Training Handbook</a></p>
<b>Advanced life support and cardiopulmonary resuscitation</b>	<p>RACGP Registrars must complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course within the 12 months prior to commencing GPT1</li> <li>• A CPR course within the 12 months prior to applying for FRACGP</li> <li>• Training in the early management of trauma and advanced life support (ALS) within the four years prior to applying for FRACGP.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">RACGP CPR and ALS courses</a></p>	<p>Registrars enrolling in ACRRM vocational training from 2016 onwards must successfully complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Emergency Skills Training (REST) by the end of first year Primary Rural and Remote Training and</li> <li>• One further ACRRM accredited Tier 1 course or two accredited Tier 2 courses.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Fellowship Training Handbook</a></p>
<b>Assessments</b>	<p>FRACGP Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Knowledge Test (MCQ), after GPT2: \$2,010</li> <li>• Key Feature Problems (Short answer), after GPT2: \$2,010</li> <li>• Objective Simulated Clinical Examination (OSCE), after passing AKT&amp;KFP: \$3,980</li> </ul> <p>Total cost: \$8,000 approx</p> <p>RACGP Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">RACGP Examination Eligibility Policy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">RACGP Exam Handbook</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">RACGP Exam Enrolments</a></li> </ul>	<p>FACRRM Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedural Logbook: available online</li> <li>• MCQ, years 2, 3 or 4: \$1,238</li> <li>• Multi-source Feedback, formative and summative assessment 360 degree appraisal – colleague assessment, patient assessment, self-assessment, Years 2, 3 or 4 (cost TBC)</li> <li>• Case Based Discussion (CBD) assessment involving discussing 6 clinical cases, Years 3 or 4: \$1,625</li> <li>• Structured assessment using multiple patient scenarios (StAMPS) offered via face-to-face and via videoconference. This OSCE/VIVA assessment is recommended to be the last assessment: \$2651</li> </ul> <p>Total cost: \$6,000 approx. excluding advanced discipline (see below).</p> <p>Registrars are also required to obtain a pass grade in each of the assessments for their chosen Advanced Specialised Training (AST) discipline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAMPS: Emergency Medicine: \$2,651</li> <li>• STAMPS: AIM, Mental Health, Paediatrics, Surgery: \$2,651</li> <li>• AST Projects ATSIH, Population Health, Remote Medicine: \$2,895</li> <li>• Obstetrics: Please refer to DRANZCOG</li> <li>• Anaesthetics: Please refer to JCCA</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">ACRRM Assessment</a></p> <p><a href="#">ACRRM Fellowship Assessment Handbook</a></p> <p><a href="#">ACRRM Exam Enrolments</a></p>



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<b>Assessment preparation</b>	<p>The RACGP runs many workshops and preparation courses for all three examinations. Please refer to their pre-exam course page on their website:</p> <p><a href="#">RACGP Pre-exam courses</a></p> <p>GP Synergy also runs practical RACGP written and clinical preparation workshops each term including mock exams. These are free for GP Synergy registrars.</p>	<p>ACRRM runs many workshops and preparation courses for all three examinations. Please refer to their assessment preparation page on their website:</p> <p><a href="#">ACRRM Assessment Preparation</a></p> <p>ACRRM Assessment Information Session - \$103*</p> <p>ACRRM Primary Curriculum StAMPS mock exam - \$990*</p> <p>ACRRM Primary Curriculum study group – virtual online group - \$850*</p> <p>*GP Synergy will cover the cost of the above ACRRM exam preparation sessions for ACRRM GP Synergy registrars to attend these workshop/s.</p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Membership is compulsory for all registrars</p> <p>Registrar annual membership: \$460</p> <p>GP annual membership: \$1,420</p> <p><a href="#">RACGP Registrar Membership Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">RACGP Membership</a></p>	<p>Membership is compulsory for all registrars</p> <p>Registrar annual membership: \$395</p> <p>GP annual membership: \$1,145</p> <p><a href="#">ACRRM Membership</a></p>
<b>Member benefits</b>	<p>Databases, Australian Family Physician publication, GP Learning online education access, guidelines, discounts.</p>	<p>RRMEO online education access (includes telehealth), discounts.</p>

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