



Our Program

Rural Psychiatry Training WA (RPTWA) is Australia's first ever dedicated rural Psychiatry training program. Run by an experienced team from our Bunbury training hub in WA's picturesque South West region, RPTWA provides comprehensive rural training at over 30 RANZCP accredited posts.

Comprehensive Training Hubs

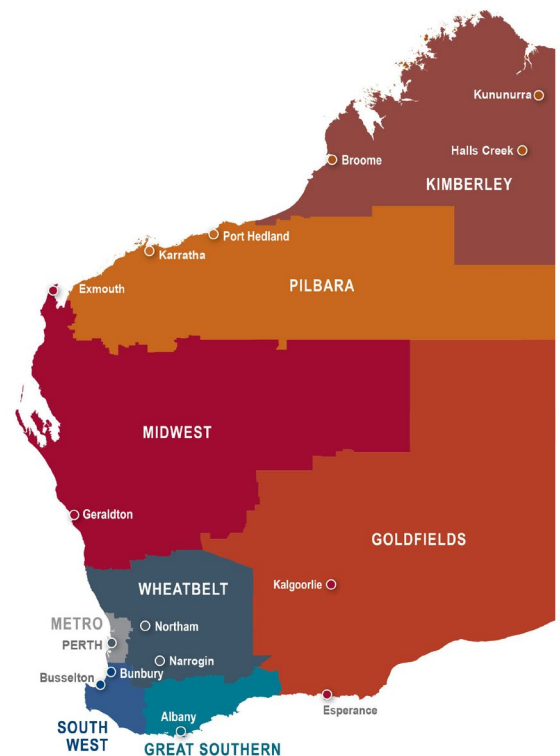
Stage 1 trainees are allocated to one of four Comprehensive Training Hubs, which each have the full range of training posts required for completion of a 5-year generalist RANZCP Fellowship.

- **Great Southern** - Albany (7 posts)
- **Kimberley** - Broome (6 posts)
- **South West** - Bunbury (8 posts)
- **Midwest** - Geraldton (7 posts)

Rural Training Centres

Stage 2 & 3 Trainees also have the option to explore the unique and well-supported training posts available at each of our Rural Training Centres across rural and remote WA.

- **South West** - Busselton (1 post)
- **Pilbara** - Port Hedland (2 posts)
- **Wheatbelt** - Northam (2 posts)
- **Goldfields** - Kalgoorlie (Planned)



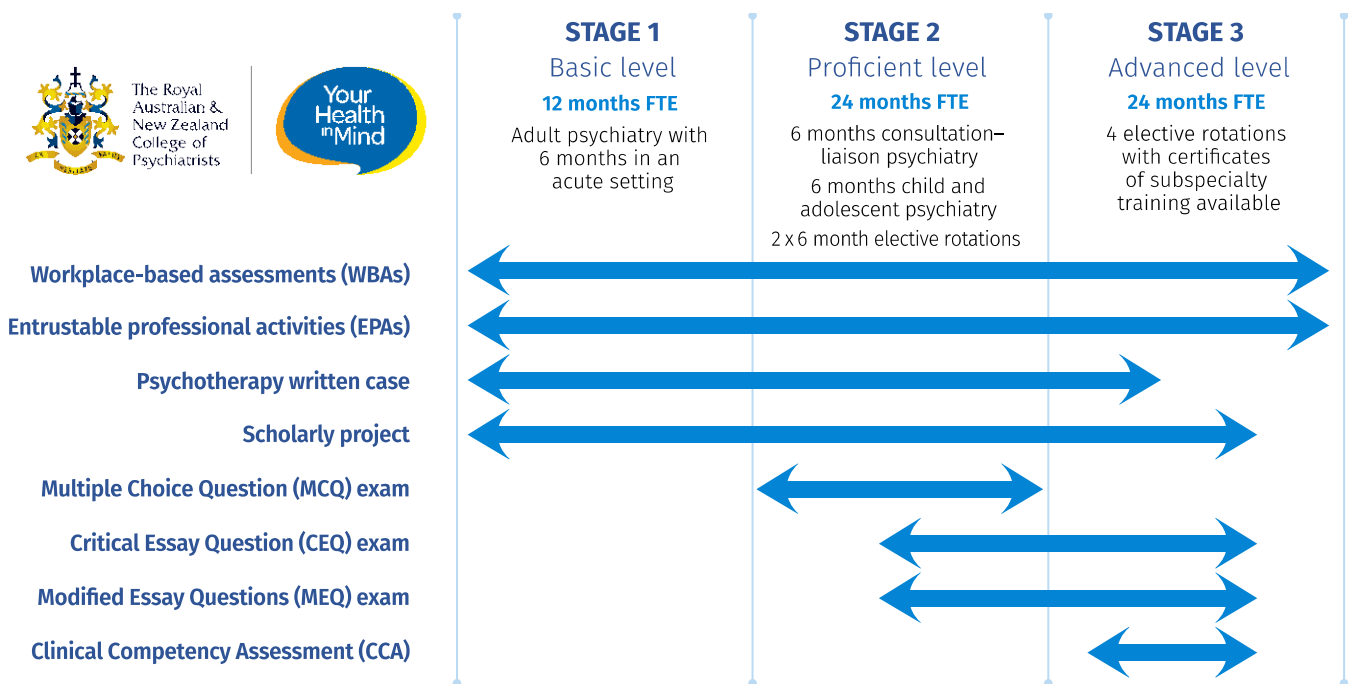
Dedicated Rural Trainee Support

Due to the small size of the training program and the vast geographic area of the Training Zone, RPTWA has established a comprehensive Trainee support program, including:

- **1:1 Training and Pastoral Support** from experienced RPTWA Staff
- **Independent Support & Crisis Pathways**
- **Peer support and mentoring** for Trainees & New Fellows
- **Annual Orientation & Assessment Masterclass** weekend in Perth for all Trainees
- A generous Trainee **accommodation & relocation package**
- **Length of training** contracts for up to 5 years
- Comprehensive **Exam & Assessment support** including dedicated Psychotherapy & Research coordinators.
- A **directory of local services & contacts** to help Trainees and their families settle in their community.
- **Orientation, safety & security resources** to complement existing WACHS policies and procedures.
- A comprehensive **library of educational material** for self-directed learning.

Overview of the RANZCP Fellowship Pathway

As a rural psychiatrist, you will get to know your patients and listen to their stories. Using your medical, psychological and interpersonal skills you'll be able to diagnose and treat the most complex cases.



About the WA Country Health Service (WACHS)

WACHS is the largest country health system in Australia and one of the biggest in the world, providing health services to approximately half a million people, including 45,000 Aboriginal people, over a vast two and a half million square kilometre area. The organisation comprises seven regions, with a strong network of public hospitals, health services and health centres located across rural and remote Western Australia. Providing high quality and culturally secure care and treatment for people experiencing mental health problems, including alcohol and substance use disorders, in rural and remote Western Australia is core business for WACHS.

How to Apply

The RPTWA 2025 Stage 1 Training Intake is open until 4:00pm, Monday 8 July. Apply via the [MedCareersWA](#) intake at medcareerswa.health.wa.gov.au or by scanning our QR code.

