

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN...

...General Practice?

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Facts at a glance:

- General practice offers a career path which has flexible training and a great variety of different working opportunities, including part-time work with flexible hours. It offers the unique opportunity of a deeply rewarding depth and breadth of relationships with patients over time (“cradle to grave” care). There is real job satisfaction in getting to know your patients well, what is important to them, and how best to help them through good and bad times.
- As generalists, GPs have a vital role in the health system. There are also many opportunities for GPs to develop special interests and skills, in addition to core general practice. This keeps job satisfaction high and provides linkages with other health providers (and helps our health system meet the complex demands of an ageing population). GPs working in rural and remote areas encounter a spectrum of rewards and challenges which is different from their colleagues in the city. Maybe this is for you.
- GPs value the opportunity to be their own boss and be more in control of their work/life balance. There are opportunities to be a business owner with a good financial return, if that is what you want.
- The earliest point at which an application can be made for a Registrar position is during Postgraduate Year 2 (PGY2) with entry for successful trainees to the General Practice Education Programme (GPEP1) in Postgraduate Year 3 (PGY3).
- The GPEP1 programme runs for 52 weeks, which is divided into two 26-week general practice attachments for registrars employed by the RNZCGP (see below). You will undertake practice-based learning, experiencing full-time general practice, guided day-to-day by a GP teacher. In conjunction with your clinical placement there are weekly regional day release seminars and workshops with your peers.
 - GPEP1 Registrars are usually employed by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. Conditions of employment are available from the RNZCGP. It is also possible to complete the GPEP1 year while employed in a practice.

Training Program Format

The standard full-time GPEP programme is 36 months, comprising GPEP years 1, 2 and 3. You will sit the GPEP written and clinical examinations at the end of Year 1 (GPEP1), and then undergo the Fellowship assessment on completion of GPEP2. Further details are available on the RNZCGP website.