

2026 Basic Physician Training Bendigo Regional Pathway

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Central North West Basic Physician Training Consortium

The Central North West Consortium offers a breadth of training experiences across five Victorian health services - Bendigo Health, Austin Health, Northern Health, Echuca Regional Health, and Grampians Health Horsham.

The Central North West Consortium offers support across all years of the BPT program with all rotations accredited by the RACP. We have a long tradition of providing excellent physician training within this consortium, with a comprehensive education program that supports training and professional development across the BPT years. Our Stepping Up to Registrar program at the end of BPT1 prepares trainees for their transition to registrar rotations. Extensive resources are offered to prepare trainees for the written and clinical RACP examinations, including in-house written exam lectures from August – December, guaranteed 2 weeks conference leave to attend one of the written exam preparation courses, and two in-house mock written examinations in December and January. The clinical exam program from February - May includes bi-weekly long and short case lectures, a booking system for long and short case tutorials and exposure to exam-quality patients, specialty short case mock exams and a half-day mock examination, along with a host of other resources.

All of the preparation for the written and clinical exams is shared across the consortium, with trainees given access to tutorials and other educational activities at all consortium sites.

Further information can be obtained at www.centralnorthwest.org.au

Summary of positions

The Bendigo Regional Pathway offers trainees exposure to a variety of speciality and general/acute medicine rotations, and a unique insight into working in a regional/rural location. Currently there are 14 trainees employed on the Bendigo BPT Regional Pathway. From 2026, all applications for Regional Pathway positions will be managed by Bendigo Health, with 6 positions available for entry to training at BPT1 level. Candidates must be at least PGY2 in 2026 to be eligible to apply.

Trainees will complete their BPT rotational requirements over 3 years, with 6 months of BPT1 and 6 months of BPT3 completed at Austin Health for exposure to training within a level 3 metropolitan training setting. The remaining 24 months of training will be completed at Bendigo Health and will comprise a variety of General Medicine, specialty medicine, and relieving/non-core rotations.

Candidates successful in securing a position in the Bendigo Regional Pathway will be given a chance to preference rotations and leave each year. Trainees will be given exposure to two specialty rotations at Austin Health in BPT1, and General/Acute Medicine rotations in BPT3. Candidates will also be given opportunities to experience Cardiology, Nephrology, Geriatric Medicine, ID/HITH, Respiratory and/or Oncology rotations at Bendigo Health across their training. Example rosters are shown below; please note applicants for this stream must be willing to commit to a three-year contract.

Trainee One Example Roster:

BPT1 (Year 1)				BPT2 (Year 2)				BPT3 (Year 3)			
Austin (6 mo)				Bendigo (24 mo)						Austin (6 mo)	
Palliative Care	Gastroenterology	Medical Relieving/Leave	Cardiology	Admitting Medical Unit	Geriatric Medicine	Infectious Diseases	Medical Relieving/Leave	General Medicine	Medical Relieving/Leave	Admitting Medical Unit	HITH

Trainee Two Example Roster:

BPT1 (Year 1)				BPT2 (Year 2)				BPT3 (Year 3)			
Bendigo (6 mo)		Austin (6 mo)		Bendigo (18 mo)				Austin (6 mo)			
Renal	Medical Relieving/Leave	Haematology	Respiratory	Geriatric Medicine	General Medicine	Medical Relieving/Leave	Infectious Diseases	Medical Relieving/Leave	Admitting Medical Unit	Perioperative Medicine	Admitting Medical Unit

BPT – Applications and Important Information

Applications to Bendigo Health

All applications must be submitted via our online recruitment system. Please follow the instructions and complete all the steps (including attaching your cover letter and Curriculum Vitae (CV) and addressing the Key Selection Criteria)

Interviews

Applicants will be contacted for interview following the short-listing process. Contact will be made via email, and instructions on how to proceed with an interview time will be included in the email.

References

Clinical references will be requested during the recruitment process.

Appointments

Pre match offers to the Regional BPT Pathway will be made prior to June 6th 2025, allowing successful candidates 2 days to accept their offer. Remaining positions will be filled via the PMCV match.

Successful applicants will be offered a 3 year training position. Separate contracts will be provided by Austin and Bendigo Health relevant to rotations.

For further information or any questions please email BPT@bendigohealth.org.au