

**PGY3+ Statewide
Rural Generalist Obstetrician
Rural and Metropolitan Based
Information Pack 2027 Clinical Year**

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About the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics Training Pathway

Introduction

We invite you to apply for the **Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway**, a **new program and new model of Rural Generalist obstetrics training** designed to prepare doctors for safe, sustainable obstetric practice in rural South Australia.

The program represents a shift from previous site-based and ad-hoc training arrangements to a **centrally coordinated statewide pathway**, providing greater consistency in recruitment, supervision, trainee support, and workforce alignment. The pathway is delivered through a collaborative partnership between **Rural Generalist Program South Australia (RGPSA)**, **SA Medical Education and Training (SA MET)**, participating **Local Health Networks (LHNs)**, metropolitan maternity services, accredited private practices, and the relevant Colleges.

Trainees joining the pathway become part of a collegiate, multidisciplinary maternity workforce comprising Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians, Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Registrars, Junior Medical Officers, and highly experienced midwifery and nursing teams across metropolitan and regional settings.

This structured training pathway provides the clinical exposure, supervision, and competency development required to meet the training requirements for:

- **Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) Advanced Skills Training (AST) in Obstetrics**
- **Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Rural Generalist Fellowship — Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) in Obstetrics**

The position is available to **Postgraduate Year 3 and above (PGY3+)** doctors. Applicants must be either:

- A Rural Generalist trainee enrolled with **ACRRM or RACGP**, or
- A Fellowed GP seeking to obtain rural obstetric procedural skills.

As part of the statewide pathway, trainees will undertake a **six-month metropolitan foundational obstetrics placement** through the **RANZCOG Associate Training Program (Procedural)** accredited experience, under the supervision of specialist Obstetricians. This stage provides the procedural exposure and clinical grounding required for safe progression to rural practice.

Following completion of the metropolitan component, trainees will transition to a **regional training location** to undertake advanced Rural Generalist Obstetrics training under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians. Training arrangements may be undertaken full-time or part-time, including models integrated with General Practice or Rural Generalist training, subject to local service capacity and agreement.

Trainee Support

A key feature of the statewide model is the comprehensive support provided to trainees throughout the program. Participants will be supported through:

- A **pre-commencement weekend orientation program** designed to prepare trainees for procedural obstetrics training and rural practice
- Coordination and support from **RGPSA for prerequisite courses and training requirements**

- **Financial support for required courses, examinations, and assessment activities** associated with training progression
- Ongoing support from the **RGPSA Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Mentor**, including:
 - Regular check-ins and pastoral support
 - Assistance with training progression and requirements
 - Coordination of additional clinical exposure where needed
 - Facilitation of short rotations to alternative facilities to support competency attainment

This structured support framework aims to maximise trainee success, progression, and confidence while reducing administrative burden and training barriers.

The statewide model provides coordinated recruitment, consistent supervision standards, and continuity of training support, while aligning training investment with rural workforce needs across South Australia.

Key Dates

Expressions of Interest open:	Wednesday 10 June 2026 (09:00 am ACST)
Expressions of Interest close:	Wednesday 1 July 2026 (11:55 pm ACST)
Referee reports close:	Wednesday 8 July 2026
Shortlisting commences:	Wednesday 29 July 2026
Interviews:	To be advised
Round 1 results available to applicants:	Thursday 17 September 2026 (1 st preference matches only)
Round 2 results available to applicants (excluding general training):	Thursday 24 September 2026 (2 nd or higher preference matches)
Round 3 results available to applicants (excluding general training):	Thursday 1 October 2026 (3 rd or higher preference matches)
Round 4 onwards (including general training):	Thursday 8 October 2026 (4 th or higher preference matches)
Start date of Term 1 Clinical Year:	Monday 1 February 2027

Number of positions available in 2027 clinical year



Metropolitan Foundational Obstetrics Training

As part of the **Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway**, trainees will undertake a **six-month metropolitan foundational obstetrics placement** to obtain the procedural exposure required for progression to rural obstetric practice.

This metropolitan component is undertaken through the **RANZCOG Associate Training Program (Procedural)** and provides supervised experience in intrapartum care, obstetric emergencies, and operative obstetrics within a specialist-led tertiary environment.

Metropolitan placements are coordinated centrally through the statewide program and may be undertaken at one of the following participating Local Health Networks:

- **Lyell McEwin Hospital — Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN)**
- **Flinders Medical Centre — Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)**

Allocation to sites will be based on training capacity, workforce requirements, and trainee preference where possible.

These placements form **Stage 1 of the statewide pathway** and are designed to prepare trainees for safe transition to their regional Rural Generalist Obstetrics training location.

Lyell McEwin Hospital

The **Lyell McEwin Hospital (LMH)** is a major tertiary referral hospital located in Adelaide's northern suburbs and provides comprehensive medical, surgical, diagnostic, emergency, and maternity services to a population of more than 400,000 people across Adelaide's northern and north-eastern metropolitan regions, as well as supporting services to regional South Australia.

The hospital offers a busy maternity service with exposure to a broad range of obstetric presentations and clinical acuity, providing an excellent learning environment for trainees undertaking foundational procedural obstetrics training.

Lyell McEwin Hospital forms part of the **Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN)**.

Flinders Medical Centre

Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) is a major tertiary public hospital serving the southern metropolitan region of Adelaide. The hospital is co-located with **Flinders University** and the **Flinders Private Hospital**, supporting a strong academic and multidisciplinary training environment.

FMC is one of South Australia's major trauma centres and provides comprehensive tertiary obstetric and neonatal services, including high-risk maternity care. The service offers trainees exposure to a wide range of obstetric presentations, procedural opportunities, and specialist supervision.

Flinders Medical Centre forms part of the **Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)**.

What Can You Expect from the Metropolitan Placement?

During the metropolitan component of the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway, trainees will work within a specialist-led obstetric service to develop the clinical skills, procedural capability, and confidence required for progression to rural obstetric practice.

Trainees will be integrated into multidisciplinary maternity teams and supported by Consultant Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Registrars, Junior Medical Officers, midwives, and allied health professionals.

What Should Trainees Expect from the Role?

In the metropolitan obstetric unit, you will:

- Participate in the provision of antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care under specialist supervision
- Gain experience in the assessment and management of obstetric presentations, including emergencies
- Develop procedural skills in areas such as operative vaginal delivery, obstetric theatre assistance, and perioperative obstetric care
- Participate in labour ward management, including admission assessment, labour progress monitoring, and decision-making support
- Be involved in obstetric theatre lists, including caesarean sections and other operative procedures
- Attend and contribute to multidisciplinary ward rounds, case discussions, and handovers
- Participate in relevant education, simulation, and teaching activities within the department
- Develop clinical reasoning and decision-making skills appropriate for future rural procedural practice

Trainees will work within a supportive learning environment with graduated responsibility appropriate to their level of experience and training progression.

This metropolitan placement is designed to provide the foundational exposure required to transition safely to the regional component of the pathway, where trainees will undertake advanced Rural Generalist Obstetrics training under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians.

What Are the Key Outcomes of the Program?

The aim of the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway is to provide trainees with the clinical experience, procedural exposure, and supervision required to safely practise as a Rural Generalist with Obstetrics in rural South Australia.

A key component of the program is the metropolitan foundational placement, during which trainees will gain the breadth of obstetric experience and supervised procedural exposure required to undertake and complete the RANZCOG Procedural Training Program (PTP), or equivalent accredited training, prior to transitioning to a regional training location.

Completion of the metropolitan stage prepares trainees for safe progression to the regional component of the pathway, where they will consolidate and advance their skills within a rural maternity service under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians.

What are the hours of work and overtime?

This post requires a commitment of 38 hours per week. Some Overtime is available if desired within the 38 hours in order to provide continuity of intrapartum care and meet logbook requirements.

What education is provided?

The units have a strong learning focus with frequent ad-hoc tutorials as well as more formal training including:

- > Multidisciplinary simulation training.
- > Neonatal resuscitation
- > Foetal surveillance education (utilising FSEP via RANZCOG)
- > Perinatal review and education meetings.
- > Regular logbook and learning needs review

How will supervision be provided? Will this vary from rotation to rotation?

Every shift will have a named duty consultant who is the primary contact person for the ARANZCOG (P) candidate on that day.

What other support is provided?

The Medical Education Units have an open-door policy where trainees are welcome to discuss any issues or concerns.

Will the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?

Medical students will often be on the unit and eager to learn!

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN)

About FUNLHN

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network provides care for around 45,000 people living north from the Spencer Gulf to the Northern Territory, including the communities of Hawker, Leigh Creek, Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Quorn and Whyalla. The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network is one of ten Local Health Networks including six across country South Australia. The LHN covers an area of 540,190 square kilometres. The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network is incorporated under the South Australian Health Care Act 2008 and has a Governing Board which reports to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network provides a range of public acute, sub-acute, residential aged care, multi-purpose health services, community, and mental health services throughout the region.

The Health Network includes:

- > Hawker Memorial Hospital
- > Leigh Creek Health Service
- > Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service
- > Quorn Health Service
- > Roxby Downs Hospital
- > Whyalla Hospital and Health Service

Port Augusta Hospital and Health Service

Flinders and Upper North residents have access to a wide range of health care services in a number of locations throughout the region. Port Augusta Hospital and Health Service is part of the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network.

The Port Augusta Hospital is a large country hospital that provides a wide range of inpatient, outpatient, and outreach services. The hospital has 72 acute beds (12 of these being flexible beds), 5 monitored beds, 12 short-stay beds, and a Chemotherapy Unit. The hospital has a 12-chair Renal Dialysis Unit and a Paediatric Department, both of which are the largest outside Adelaide.

What you can expect from FUNLHN

What should employees expect from the role?

At **Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service**, trainees will work within a supportive rural maternity service alongside experienced **Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians**, visiting or supporting **Specialist Obstetricians**, midwives, nursing staff, and multidisciplinary teams to provide comprehensive maternity care to the local community and surrounding regions.

During the regional component of the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway, you will:

- Participate in the provision of **antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care** within a rural maternity service
- Develop increasing responsibility in the **assessment and management of labour and obstetric presentations**, with appropriate senior supervision
- Gain procedural experience in **operative obstetrics and obstetric theatre care**, consistent with Rural Generalist training requirements
- Participate in **labour ward management**, including admission assessment, labour progress monitoring, and clinical decision-making
- Be involved in **multidisciplinary care planning** and collaboration with midwifery teams and referral services
- Contribute to the care of obstetric patients across hospital settings, including the **ward environment, emergency presentations, and perioperative care** where relevant

- Participate in **on-call and rostered clinical activities** appropriate to training level and supervision arrangements
- Engage in **education, case review, and quality improvement activities** within the service

The regional placement provides the opportunity to consolidate skills gained during the metropolitan stage and develop the confidence, autonomy, and clinical judgement required for future Rural Generalist obstetric practice.

Trainees will be supported by local supervisors as well as ongoing mentorship and coordination through the **RGPSA statewide program**.

Will I be based in Port Augusta all year? Will I be expected to travel to other country locations?

The trainee is primarily based in the Port Augusta Hospital. Travel to other country locations is not expected but maybe required.

What Are the Key Outcomes of the Regional Training Phase?

The aim of the regional component of the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway is to provide trainees with the clinical experience, procedural exposure, and supervision required to complete the **RANZCOG Advanced Procedural Training Program (APTP)** and satisfy the **Advanced Skills Training (AST/ARST) requirements** of both the **Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)** and the **Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)**.

During this phase, trainees will consolidate and advance the skills developed during the metropolitan placement within a rural maternity service environment, working under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians.

Candidates will be supported to:

- Complete the clinical and procedural requirements of the **RANZCOG APTP**
- Meet the **AST/ARST competency requirements** of ACRRM and RACGP
- Undertake and complete required **external courses, assessments, and examinations** associated with College training pathways
- Develop confidence in the **independent assessment and management of antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care**, including obstetric emergencies and operative decision-making
- Build the capability to practise safely within **rural maternity services**, including collaborative practice with midwives, specialist services, and referral networks

This phase of the program is designed to prepare trainees to practise confidently at the level of a **Rural Generalist Obstetrician**, with the skills, judgement, and professional support required to contribute to sustainable maternity services across regional South Australia.

What pathways are there after the year is completed?

Trainees are encouraged to see this post as a step in their pathway to providing rural generalist services to a community in rural South Australia.

What are the hours of work and overtime?

This post requires a commitment of 38 hours per week. Some Overtime is available if desired within the 38 hours in order to provide continuity of intrapartum care and meet logbook requirements.

What education is provided?

The unit has a strong learning focus with weekly small group learning tutorials as well as more formal training.

How will supervision be provided? will this vary from rotation to rotation?

The successful applicant will be supervised under the umbrella of the Executive Director of Medical Services the trainee needs to be supervised by the senior GP Obstetrician who holds formal ARANZCOG (Adv P).

What other support is provided?

The Medical Education Unit have an open-door policy where trainees are welcomed to discuss any issues or concerns. The DCT and MEO also arrange confidential beginning and end of year appraisals as a formal time for trainees to ask for advice/support, highlight any concerns, discuss career pathways, and provide feedback about the training program.

Will the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?

No.

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN)

About EFNLHN

Services available within the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network are provided throughout the following locations:

- > Coober Pedy Hospital and Health Service
- > Ceduna District Hospital
- > Cleve District Hospital and Aged Care
- > Cowell District Hospital and Aged Care
- > Cummins and District Memorial Hospital
- > Elliston Hospital
- > Kimba Hospital and Aged Care
- > Port Lincoln Hospital and Health Service
- > Streaky Bay Hospital
- > Tumby Bay Hospital and Health Service
- > Wudinna Hospital

Port Lincoln Hospital and Health Service

The Port Lincoln Hospital is a large country hospital, providing a wide range of inpatient, outpatient and outreach services. The hospital includes a modern 50 bed complex with obstetrics, anaesthetics, general and surgical subspecialties, cancer services, renal dialysis, operating facilities, and a busy high acuity Emergency Department. Acute Hospital Services and are supported by active Community Health Service working in partnership with the acute and other services to provide high quality out of hospital care for the residents of Port Lincoln and the surrounding areas.

Port Lincoln Hospital provides 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7) accident and emergency services, acute inpatient care, maternal and neonatal services, general surgery and surgical sub-specialties, renal dialysis, chemotherapy, palliative care. Additional services located onsite are radiology, SA Pathology, Clinical Pharmacy, Allied Health Services and Dental services. Port Lincoln hospital is also active in teaching and training with Adelaide University Rural medical students spending their full fifth year in Port Lincoln.

Port Lincoln Hospital is a level 3 Obstetrics facility.

What you can expect from EFNLHN

What should employees expect from the role?

At **Port Lincoln Hospital** trainees will work within a supportive rural maternity service alongside experienced **Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians**, visiting or supporting **Specialist Obstetricians**, midwives, nursing staff, and multidisciplinary teams to provide comprehensive maternity care to the local community and surrounding regions.

During the regional component of the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway, you will:

- Participate in the provision of **antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care** within a rural maternity service
- Develop increasing responsibility in the **assessment and management of labour and obstetric presentations**, with appropriate senior supervision
- Gain procedural experience in **operative obstetrics and obstetric theatre care**, consistent with Rural Generalist training requirements
- Participate in **labour ward management**, including admission assessment, labour progress monitoring, and clinical decision-making
- Be involved in **multidisciplinary care planning** and collaboration with midwifery teams and referral services
- Contribute to the care of obstetric patients across hospital settings, including the **ward environment, emergency presentations, and perioperative care** where relevant
- Participate in **on-call and rostered clinical activities** appropriate to training level and supervision arrangements
- Engage in **education, case review, and quality improvement activities** within the service

The regional placement provides the opportunity to consolidate skills gained during the metropolitan stage and develop the confidence, autonomy, and clinical judgement required for future Rural Generalist obstetric practice.

Trainees will be supported by local supervisors as well as ongoing mentorship and coordination through the **RGPSA statewide program**.

Will I be based in Port Lincoln all year? Will I be expected to travel to other country locations?

The trainee is primarily based in the Port Lincoln Hospital. Travel to other country locations is not expected but maybe required.

What Are the Key Outcomes of the Regional Training Phase?

The aim of the regional component of the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway is to provide trainees with the clinical experience, procedural exposure, and supervision required to complete the RANZCOG Advanced Procedural Training Program (APTP) and satisfy the Advanced Skills Training (AST/ARST) requirements of both the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

During this phase, trainees will consolidate and advance the skills developed during the metropolitan placement within a rural maternity service environment, working under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians.

Candidates will be supported to:

- Complete the clinical and procedural requirements of the RANZCOG APTP
- Meet the AST/ARST competency requirements of ACRRM and RACGP
- Undertake and complete required external courses, assessments, and examinations associated with College training pathways
- Develop confidence in the independent assessment and management of antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care, including obstetric emergencies and operative decision-making
- Build the capability to practise safely within rural maternity services, including collaborative practice with midwives, specialist services, and referral networks

This phase of the program is designed to prepare trainees to practise confidently at the level of a Rural Generalist Obstetrician, with the skills, judgement, and professional support required to contribute to sustainable maternity services across regional South Australia.

If I want to stay on for an extra year, do I have to apply again?

This program involves a 12-month commitment but is open to negotiation.

We encourage trainees to join the GP obstetrics roster in Port Lincoln on completion of the ARANZCOG (P). We provide a transition process where early career GP obstetricians are shadowed by an experienced GP obstetrician until they are confident to take on a fully independent role.

What are the hours of work and overtime?

This post requires a commitment of 38 hours per week. Some Overtime is available if desired within the 38 hours in order to provide continuity of intrapartum care and meet logbook requirements.

What education is provided?

The unit has a strong learning focus with weekly small group learning tutorials as well as more formal training:

- > .MSE (Maternal and Neonatal Safety Education) training.
- > OGET (Obstetrics and Gynaecology Emergency Training)
- > RANZCOG coordinated OASI Training
- > FSEP (Foetal Surveillance Education Program).
- > Neonatal Resuscitation.
- > Perinatal review and education meetings. Regular logbook and learning needs review.

How will supervision be provided? will this vary from rotation to rotation?

The successful applicant will be supervised under the umbrella of the Executive Director of Medical Services the trainee needs to be supervised by the senior GP Obstetrician who holds formal ARANZCOG (Adv P).

What other support is provided?

The Medical Education Unit have an open-door policy where trainees are welcomed to discuss any issues or concerns. The DCT and MEO also arrange confidential beginning and end of year appraisals as a formal time for trainees to ask for advice/support, highlight any concerns, discuss career pathways, and provide feedback about the training program.

Will the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?

No.

What pathways are there after the year is completed?

Trainees are encouraged to see this post as a step in their pathway to providing rural generalist services to a community in rural South Australia.

Rotations at EFNLHN

The applicant will have access to antenatal clinics, labour, and delivery; neonatal care and post-natal care, and training will be provided between the practice and Port Lincoln Hospital with access for labour and delivery services within the hospital facilities.

Limestone Coast Local Health Network (LCLHN)

About LCLHN

Services available within the Limestone Coast Local Health Network are provided throughout the following locations:

- > Mount Gambier
- > Bordertown
- > Keith
- > Kingston / Robe

- > Lucindale
- > Millicent
- > Penola
- > Naracoorte

Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service (MGDHS)

Limestone Coast residents have access to a wide range of health care services in a number of locations throughout the region. Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service is part of the Limestone Coast Local Health Network. Mount Gambier & Districts Health Service is the major regional health provider for the lower, mid and upper South East Regions with other facilities located nearby in Bordertown, Keith, Kingston, Lucindale, Millicent, Naracoorte and Penola. The catchment area also extends across the border into Western Victoria.

We provide **specialist led** services including:

- > Emergency Department
- > General Medicine
- > Surgery (General Surgery and Orthopaedics)
- > Obstetrics
- > Paediatric
- > Anaesthetic
- > Mental health services
- > Aboriginal health and community health

The Mount Gambier Hospital services and facilities include:

- > Emergency Department including two resuscitation rooms, fast track treatment areas, multiple treatment bays, an infectious isolation room and a separate paediatric area
- > 46 bed Medical Unit including rehabilitation beds
- > 36 bed Surgical Unit
- > 14 bed Level 4 Maternity Unit with 3 birthing suites
- > 2 cot Level 4 neonatal nursery
- > 6 bed Paediatric Unit
- > 6 bed High Dependency Unit
- > 6 bed Mental Health In-patient Unit
- > 11 Day Surgery Chairs
- > 4 Operating Theatres
- > 6 chair Chemotherapy Unit
- > 4 chair Renal Dialysis Unit
- > Outpatient Consulting Suite

Co-located at the Hospital site are the following services:

- > Benson Radiology

- > SA Pathology
- > SA Pharmacy
- > Country Health Connect (Community Allied Health Services)
- > South Australian Dental Services
- > South East Mental Health Services – inpatient, intermediate care and community-based care
- > Rehabilitation Service
- > Aboriginal Health Services – Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation (not co-sited but located nearby)

What can you expect from LHCLN

What should employees expect from the role?

The Maternity service has over 500 births per year. During this term you will gain clinical and procedural experience in the areas of management of pregnant women and gynaecology under the supervision of local medical and midwifery staff. This is achieved through rostered time in the maternity ward including some after-hours.

Attendance in theatre, outpatient antenatal and gynaecology clinics is also provided.

Will I be based at Mount Gambier all year? Will I be expected to travel to other country locations?

You will be based in Mount Gambier for the full year.

What Are the Key Outcomes of the Regional Training Phase?

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During this phase, trainees will consolidate and advance the skills developed during the metropolitan placement within a rural maternity service environment, working under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians.

Candidates will be supported to:

- Complete the clinical and procedural requirements of the RANZCOG APTP
- Meet the AST/ARST competency requirements of ACRRM and RACGP
- Undertake and complete required external courses, assessments, and examinations associated with College training pathways
- Develop confidence in the independent assessment and management of antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care, including obstetric emergencies and operative decision-making
- Build the capability to practise safely within rural maternity services, including collaborative practice with midwives, specialist services, and referral networks

This phase of the program is designed to prepare trainees to practise confidently at the level of a Rural Generalist Obstetrician, with the skills, judgement, and professional support required to contribute to sustainable maternity services across regional South Australia.

What are the hours of work and overtime?

This position requires a commitment of 76 hours per fortnight. Participation in the out of hours general anaesthesia on-call roster is required. Some out-of-hours work is required within the roster in order to provide continuity of care and meet logbook requirements.

What education is provided?

The unit has a strong learning focus with frequent ad-hoc tutorials as well as more formal training including:

- > Multidisciplinary simulation training.
- > Neonatal resuscitation
- > Foetal surveillance education (utilising FSEP via RANZCOG)
- > Perinatal review and education meetings.
- > Regular logbook and learning needs review.

How will supervision be provided?

Every shift will have a named duty consultant who is the primary contact person for the ARANZCOG (P) candidate on that day.

What other support is provided?

The Medical Education Unit have an open-door policy where trainees are welcome to discuss any issues or concerns.

What the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?

No.

What pathways are there after the year is completed?

Trainees are encouraged to view this position as a step in their pathway to providing rural generalist services to a community in rural South Australia.

Rotations at LCLHN

This position is based in the Maternity Ward at Mount Gambier Hospital for the full calendar year. It is not expected that other rotations will be allocated during this period.

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN)

About RMCLHN

The Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence (RACE) articulates the ambition of the Riverland Mallee Coorong LHN to be a centre of excellence in rural health – teaching, research, and innovative clinical care. It is the next exciting step in a long-term commitment to medical education in our region.

Based on a holistic understanding of health and integrating hospital and general practice training at all levels with a broad range of contemporary training in advanced skills, RACE is a one-stop-shop for career advancement in general practice and rural generalism. This Rural Generalist Anaesthetics position is also excellent preparation for specialty training in Anaesthetics and includes opportunities to advance your career through becoming part of local and international research and education networks.

We have listened to trainee doctors around the country who want a secure single-employer contract for the duration of their training, who want to be able to choose to live in one place if they wish, and who want flexibility for part-time employment. All of this in supportive communities where you have meaningful work while you learn.

Our Academy Pathway is based in the small towns that have been the home of the Parallel Rural Community Curriculum for 25 years. New GPs and other specialists have brought an exciting culture of 'can do together' to the region.

You will have opportunities to work with experienced healthcare teams, under personalised supervision of experienced rural clinicians, challenge yourself and gain valuable experience with hands-on procedural skills. You will work in a network of hospitals, general practices, aboriginal health services, community, mental health, and aged care services in our region that provide high quality care close to home for our 70,000 residents over an area of 983,776 sq km.

Being a member of a smaller cohort of trainees, you will have access to significant individual support from the RACE Medical Education Unit and you will also develop close working relationships with your junior and senior medical colleagues. The working culture at our hospitals and general practices embraces teamwork and recognises that all team members, including you, are highly valued for the skills and knowledge they are able to contribute to patient care.

Riverland General Hospital

The Riverland General Hospital in Berri is part of the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network. The Network cares for 70,000 people across an area of 983,776 sq km. The Riverland General Hospital includes a modern 38 bed complex complete with a busy emergency department, renal dialysis, and operating facilities.

Gynaecology services are provided by four part-time specialist Obstetrician Gynaecologists. Obstetrics services are provided by both Rural Generalists and the Obstetrician Gynaecologists. There are six Gynaecology clinics, including Colposcopy services and one Gynaecology theatre list every week. There are approximately 140 births per year in the Riverland General Hospital and a further 100 births per year in the neighbouring Loxton Hospital.

What you can expect from RMCLHN

What Are the Key Outcomes of the Regional Training Phase?

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During this phase, trainees will consolidate and advance the skills developed during the metropolitan placement within a rural maternity service environment, working under the supervision of experienced Rural Generalist and GP Obstetricians.

Candidates will be supported to:

- Complete the clinical and procedural requirements of the RANZCOG APTP

- Meet the AST/ARST competency requirements of ACRRM and RACGP
- Undertake and complete required external courses, assessments, and examinations associated with College training pathways
- Develop confidence in the independent assessment and management of antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care, including obstetric emergencies and operative decision-making
- Build the capability to practise safely within rural maternity services, including collaborative practice with midwives, specialist services, and referral networks

This phase of the program is designed to prepare trainees to practise confidently at the level of a Rural Generalist Obstetrician, with the skills, judgement, and professional support required to contribute to sustainable maternity services across regional South Australia.

Will I be based at Berri all year? Will I be expected to travel to other country locations?

Yes. Trainees are based at the Riverland General Hospital located at Berri for the year. May occasionally be required to attend other health units within the region to provide service.

What pathways are there after the year is completed?

Trainees are encouraged to view this position as a step in their pathway to providing rural generalist services to a community in rural South Australia.

What are the hours of work and overtime?

This post requires a commitment of 76 hours per fortnight. TMO may be required to assist with emergency caesarean section. Call back will be payable. Actual hours of duty will be flexible as determined by the Hospital in order to accommodate the needs of the patient / service provision.

What education is provided?

The unit has a strong learning focus with weekly small group learning tutorials as well as more formal training through RACE including:

- > Video-conference education sessions.
- > Grand Rounds.
- > Journal Club.

How will supervision be provided? Will this vary from rotation to rotation?

TMOs will work under close supervision and support of specialists, generalists, and term supervisors. Overall term supervision is provided by the Director of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department.

Will the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?

TMOs may be required to assist in the learning experience of intern and medical students.

Selection into the Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics Training Pathway

About the selection panel

Recruitment into the **Statewide Rural Generalist Obstetrics (RGO) Training Pathway** is undertaken through a **centralised selection process**, coordinated in partnership with **SA Medical Education and Training (SA MET)** and **Rural Generalist Program South Australia (RGPSA)**.

The selection process reflects the statewide nature of the program and the collaborative delivery model across metropolitan and regional training sites.

The selection panel will include representatives from participating **Local Health Networks (LHNs)** as well as **RGPSA**, and may include a combination of the following:

- Executive Director of Medical Services (or delegate)
- Director of Clinical Training
- Director or Clinical Lead of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Rural Generalist or GP Obstetrician representatives from participating services
- Medical Education Officer or workforce representatives
- RGPSA Rural Generalist Obstetrics program representatives

Panel composition may vary depending on availability and participating sites; however, panels will reflect both the **training requirements** and **rural workforce priorities** of the statewide program.

Interviews are typically conducted centrally, with applicants considered for the statewide pathway and matched to metropolitan and regional training locations based on merit, workforce need, and trainee preference where possible.

Eligibility

METRO:

Candidates must be either a Rural GP registrar with either ACRRM or the RACGP intending to complete RGO training as part of their advanced skills training (AST/ARST) **OR** a fellowed Rural Generalist interested in extending their advanced skills repertoire.

Both Australian trained candidates currently in PGY3+ and International Medical Graduates who have general registration and who will have at least 3 years clinical experience upon commencement are eligible to apply for this role. Candidates must have Australian Working Rights to be eligible to apply.

Candidates must be available to work commencing on 2 February 2026. FUNLHN:

Skills and knowledge required for the role

Prerequisite obstetrics and gynaecology knowledge at final year medical student level is assumed.

Other attributes required for this role include:

- > Interest in experiencing rural learning environment.

- > Demonstrated high level communication skills both verbally and in writing.
- > Professional integrity and ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment.
- > Ability to be adaptable to change.
- > Good theoretical knowledge.
- > Knowledge and awareness of quality improvement activities and clinical risk reduction and patient safety techniques.

Selection Process

Our approach to selection

At a minimum the selection process will involve assessing your:

- > Curriculum Vitae.
- > Answers to Expression of Interest short answer questions.
- > Referee reports.
- > Appropriate completion and submission of required documentation.
- > An interview.

All Expressions of Interest will be scored/ranked for shortlisting. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a face to face or video conference interview. SA Health will match the highest ranked candidates to these positions.

Your Expression of Interest

Your Expression of Interest must include:

- > An Expression of Interest addressing the selection criteria (see below).
- > Current Curriculum Vitae.
- > Contact details for two referees in Australia who you have worked with in a clinical setting.

Curriculum Vitae

Curriculum vitae should include:

- > Contact details including email and mobile phone number.
- > Qualifications and academic achievements.
- > Evidence of being enrolled in a postgraduate training program if available.
- > Clinical achievements: All jobs / clinical placements since completing medical school.
- > Any rural clinical experiences since commencing medical school.
- > Personal Development.

- > Activities which demonstrate your interest in and commitment to rural practice.

Cover letter

A cover letter outlining your reasons for seeking this position, describing your future goals and preferred location is recommended.

Other Expression of Interest questions

- > *In no more than 300 words describe why rural general training and/or obstetrics interests you?*
- > *What experience have you had of either living and/or working in a rural area or what personal strengths do you have which will assist you to live and work within a rural community?*
- > *In no more than 250 words, please provide an example where you have demonstrated your commitment to providing a quality service to patients and their families. Please outline the situation, what actions you took, your role, who else you involved and the outcomes.*

Interview

Applicants who are shortlisted for an interview will be notified by mobile phone and/or email.

The intention of the interview is to ensure that they are the best fit for the role. Interview is likely to include invitation to describe previous experiences and some scenario-based questions with the aim to evaluate candidates against selection criteria which include:

- > *Demonstrated ability to thrive in the rural context.*
- > *Highly effective communication and collaboration skills in the clinical setting.*
- > *Ability to succeed in attaining Rural Generalist Obstetrics requirements while in this post.*

Frequently Asked Questions

I am unsure about moving to the country. Can I visit to look at the facilities prior to finalising my preferences?

FUNLHN: We would encourage you to visit our beautiful city and enjoy the rural hospitality. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we can facilitate this, for example, with a tour of the hospital, and point you in the direction of touring and entertainment. Whyalla is located on the Eyre Peninsula's Spencer Gulf and is the largest city for retail shopping within the region. Whyalla boasts a warm climate, accessible ocean shores and saltwater fishing. Whyalla represents South Australia's foremost combination of industrial and nature-based experiences. With vivid scenery, small city charm, distinctive mystic outback landscapes and year-round things to do.

EFNLHN: We would encourage you to visit our beautiful towns and enjoy the rural hospitality. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we can facilitate this, for example, with a tour of the hospital, and point you in the direction of touring and entertainment.

Port Lincoln is situated in the Eyre Peninsula and is home to the largest commercial fishing fleet in the southern hemisphere, and as such is a tourist dream. Port Lincoln is the ideal balance between the vibrant

lifestyle of a small city and comforts of a small town, between cultural progress and tradition, and between modern conveniences and the preservation of natural beauty – be it our dramatic coastlines, or our attractions as Memory Cove white sandy beaches or exploring Whalers Way or cage diving with sharks.

LCLHN: We would encourage you to visit our beautiful city and enjoy the rural hospitality. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we can facilitate this, for example, with a tour of the hospital and Flinders University Rural Health SA and point you in the direction of touring and entertainment.

Mount Gambier is the second most populated city in South Australia. It is located 17 kms from the Victorian border and lies approximately halfway between both Adelaide and Melbourne making metropolitan adventures easily accessible.

Striking the ideal balance between the vibrant lifestyle of the big city and comforts of a small town. In the heart of the Limestone Coast surrounded by signature wine region boasting social experiences including cellar door, picnics, tours and multiple food and wine festivals throughout the year.

Mount Gambier is the perfect base for exploration of the unique landscape and the natural beauty of our region– be it our iconic blue lake, our many caves, sinkholes, parks and beaches. Mount Gambier offers opportunity for diverse recreational activities including diving, fishing and water sports. For the elite or casual sporting enthusiast Mount Gambier also offers a strong team sport and athletic culture.

RMCLHN: Yes, we welcome you to come and meet us and see the region for yourself.

Will accommodation be provided?

METRO: You will need to arrange your own accommodation.

FUNLHN: Accommodation is provided to ACRGA trainees free of charge whilst on rotation between Port Augusta and Whyalla for the year or you can arrange your own accommodation.

EFNLHN: You will be assisted with accommodation for up to 6 weeks. During this time, you will need to arrange your own accommodation. Real estate agents can assist you with this. You will find rentals very affordable compared with the metropolitan area.

LCLHN: You will need to arrange your own accommodation. Real estate agents can assist you with this. You will find rentals very affordable compared with the metropolitan area. The median price is \$300-400 per week.

RMCLHN: Accommodation support is available through the RMCLHN

Will I be supported with relocation expenses?

We appreciate that moving house can put a strain on your finances, particularly prior to starting your new job. Please contact us to discuss what relocation support may be available and what documentation you will need to supply.

Will I need my own transport?

METRO: Yes, some sort of private transport is highly recommended.

FUNLHN: Whyalla is a rural city of over 21,000 people. Some sort of private transport is highly recommended as the city is spread over quite a large area. Most locations are only 3-8 minutes away by car,

10-15 by bicycle. There is a limited public transport system (bus) which runs primarily between 9am and 5pm.

EFNLHN: Some sort of private transport is necessary.

LCLHN: It is easy to get around Mount Gambier as most locations are only 3-8 minutes away by car, 10-15 minutes by bicycle. There is a limited public transport system (bus) which runs primarily between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Private transport is recommended to allow you to explore our beautiful region.

RMCLHN: Berri is a rural town with the population of approximately 5,000 people. Some sort of private transport is required as the Riverland region is spread over quite a large area. Most locations are only 10-15 minutes away by car, 20-25 minutes by bicycle. There is a limited public transport system (bus) which runs primarily between 9am and 5pm to major towns.

Do I need to arrange for a carpark?

METRO: Car parking is available to all staff at all locations, which is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

FUNLHN: The good news is that parking in all of Port Augusta is currently free of charge. Some areas require permits and time limits, but generally it is easy to park in or around the Hospital and University precinct. There is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

EFNLHN: The good news is that parking in all rural cities and towns are currently free of charge. Some areas require permits and time limits, but generally it is easy to park in or around the Hospital and University precincts. There is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

LCLHN: The good news is that parking in all of Mount Gambier is free of charge. There is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

RCMLHN: The good news is that parking in all of Berri is currently free of charge. Some areas require permits and time limits, but generally it is easy to park in or around the Hospital. There is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

Can I get decent coffee and food in Port Augusta /Port Lincoln/ Mount Gambier / Berri?

FUNLHN: Yes, and yes. Port Augusta offers a range of dining options featuring regional produce inspired by freshness and seasonality. Restaurants, Cafes' and hotels provide something for everyone. There is a wide range of cuisines on offer and real baristas.

EFNLHN: Yes, and yes. Port Lincoln is renowned as Australia's Seafood Frontier for a reason, and the strong seafood industry is one of the highlights. Freshly shucked oysters straight from the pristine waters, locally caught prawns, tuna, mussels, and assorted fish, making fish and chips ever so appealing. With award winning restaurants and good local wine, it definitely a great place to eat and drink. The problem will be what to choose!

LCLHN: Mount Gambier has a wide range of cuisines and fantastic coffee on offer. There are also several farmers' and craft markets operating regularly throughout the South East along with premium wine regions such as the Coonawarra to explore. The hospital has a café on site with a variety of food and coffee options.

RMCLHN: Yes, and yes. Berri offers a range of dining options featuring regional produce inspired by freshness and seasonality. Restaurants, Cafes' and hotels provide something for everyone. There is a wide range of cuisines on offer and real baristas.

What is there to do in Port Augusta/ Port Lincoln/ Mount Gambier/ Berri?

FUNLHN: The benefits of being on the Eyre Peninsula discovering rich Indigenous heritage. Whyalla is a city with a diverse culture. Whyalla is recognised as a regional hub for creative expression with performances, shows, events and exhibitions showcase a vibrant city reflected in the arts.

You can walk along sandy beaches or in leafy gardens, watch a show or movie, relax in a spa or swim, shop or socialise in a café or bar. With over 300 days of sunshine a year gives local residents an enviable lifestyle with natural wonders, spectacular vista, and beaches, unique one-of-a-kind experiences, and great services.

With open spaces, wind and ocean make for many sports and activities. Whyalla has over 100 sports codes from motor sports, golf to the traditional sports. Unearth white sands, heritage listed pebble dunes and blue waters of every hue alongside coastal walks and tracks with stunning vistas across the Spencer Gulf. Whyalla has a lot to love.

EFNLHN: The benefits of being on the Eyre Peninsula is discovering rich Indigenous heritage to unique street art and epic silo murals. Climb the ancient rock formations, hike in our many parks and swim in rock pools after picnicking on sandy beaches. Port Lincoln has the epic Gawler Ranges and a huge variety of flora and fauna. You can discover the amazing granite outcrops such as the Organ Pipes, Murphy's Haystacks, the huge Mt Wudinna granite monolith or the spectacular Pildappa Rock.

The Eyre Peninsula boasts some of the cleanest waters in the world, and some of the most unique marine life. You can swim with sea lions, dolphins, giant Cuttlefish, or dive down and look for Leafy Sea Dragons and spot Southern Right Whales in the Great Australian Bight. You can wine and dine in award winning restaurants and experience the exciting range of the local fresh food and wine.

LCLHN: No matter what your interests, the Limestone Coast has you covered. There are a range of food and wine festivals in our wine regions, the Fringe and the various art/music festivals, street parties, market days, surfing competitions and various cycling and golf events. Not to mention Mount Gambier is also the home of the Generations in Jazz.

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre is a fully equipped multi-purpose arts centre in the heart of Mount Gambier, accommodating a range of theatre, conferences, performing arts, film screening, seminars, music events. While the Riddoch Art Gallery is the largest SA Regional Gallery.

The benefits of being approximately halfway between both Adelaide and Melbourne making metropolitan adventures easily accessible.

RMCLHN: The benefits of living on the Murray River is it will provide you with the ultimate rural Australian experience, with meandering networks of waterways, endless horizons of orange earth and national parks makes it the ideal place to hire a kayak.

Berri is not only a riverside town, but it is surrounded by 3000 hectares of vineyards and it is only natural that Berri has a lot of wine to offer. Visit several the small boutique wineries around the region to have a taste of the local crisp whites and Moorish reds or dine at one of the cosy local pubs, perhaps one of the hearty restaurants or relax and enjoy the perfect cappuccino at a little riverbank cafe. You will fall in love with Berri and surrounding communities.

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Any further questions?

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