



FACEM Training Program - Definition of a Fellow for Paediatric EDs

Background

The College has revised the system of site accreditation for Paediatric EDs for the FACEM Training Program. From 2022, only one level of accreditation (12 months) is needed for separately accredited Paediatric EDs instead of the current 6-, 12- and 18-month site limits.

For the purposes of accreditation for the FACEM Training Program, a Paediatric ED is either:

- A dedicated Paediatric ED; or
- A separately accredited, dedicated area for paediatric attendances that functions distinctly from the adult section of the department within a mixed ED by way of design, resources and staffing.

From 2022, as approved by the ACEM Board, all Paediatric EDs accredited for FACEM Training must provide direct Fellow supervision 14 hours per day, 7 days per week. The definition of a Fellow for this requirement for the FACEM Training Program accreditation has been updated following stakeholder consultation and is included on the next page. This definition only applies to Paediatric EDs as described above.

There is no change to the definition of a Fellow for mixed EDs approved for the Paediatric Logbook/Paediatric Emergency Requirement.

As approved by the ACEM Board, all trainees commencing the FACEM Training Program from the 2022 medical training year will no longer have the option to choose between a placement in a Paediatric ED or complete a logbook of paediatric case in a mixed ED approved for the Paediatric Logbook (PLB). All trainees who commence from 2022 will be required to complete the Paediatric Emergency Requirement (PER) comprising eight (8) Paediatric WBAs and a portfolio. The PER can be completed over Training Stages 1-3 at Paediatric EDs and/or Mixed EDs approved for PER/PLB.

NB: Accreditation requirements for the Joint ACEM/RACP Paediatric Emergency Medicine Training Program is out of scope of this revision. ACEM and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) contribute to a Paediatric Emergency Medicine Joint Training Committee that works with the Accreditation Subcommittee on matters relating to the accreditation of Paediatric Emergency Departments. The supervision requirement for accreditation for PEM training will be reviewed in future when a Joint RACP/ACEM review of the PEM curriculum is undertaken.

A Joint PEM trainee is required to complete 18 FTE months of Paediatric ED training. This can be done at any ACEM-accredited Paediatric ED, regardless of the accreditation limit. For the purposes of Joint PEM training only, Paediatric EDs will be permitted to retain these trainees for an additional 6 FTE months beyond the 12 FTE months maximum allowed for a single Paediatric ED as per point 2 below.

Paediatric EDs - Definition of a Fellow

We need to accredit Paediatric EDs for the FACEM Training Program for two reasons:

1. For trainees in the pre-2022 FACEM Training Program, we need to identify where trainees can undertake a paediatric rotation as an alternative to the logbook.

2. For trainees in the revised FACEM Training Program from 2022, we need to identify where trainees can train. Training in a Paediatric ED does not count towards MR/non-MR time and is limited to 12 FTE months in a single Paediatric ED.

From 2022, the maximum time that a FACEM trainee can spend in a single accredited Paediatric ED is 12 FTE months. As a result, it has been decided that only a single level of Paediatric ED accreditation is needed (12-months). Paediatric EDs currently accredited for 6 months will be increased to 12 months.

In addition, to be accredited for FACEM Training Program training from 2022, Paediatric EDs must meet the following supervision requirement:

Safe, Effective, Direct Fellow Clinical Supervision (minimum hours per day / days per week)

| Current System | From 2022 |
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| <p>18-months – Multiple Fellow[#] cover 14 hours / 7 days</p> <p>12-months - 14 hours per day / weekdays + 10 hours per day / weekends</p> <p>6-months* - 10 hours / 5 days</p> | <p>All Paediatric EDs: Cover 14 hours / 7 days that includes a minimum of 1 Fellow at any one time.</p> <p><i>Sites that do not meet this requirement on implementation will have until the commencement of the 2024 training year to meet this requirement.</i></p> |

[#]Refer to accreditation guidelines page 36 [here](#)

*Includes someone who has consultant experience of 24 months as a FACEM or FRACP in a Paediatric ED.

The current definition of a Fellow for Paediatric EDs accredited for 6 months Advanced Training time for the FACEM Training Program includes someone who has consultant experience of 24 months as a FACEM or FRACP in a Paediatric ED.

In May 2021, COE proposed that from 2024, this definition would no longer be accepted. In June 2021, stakeholder feedback was sought regarding this revision. The proposed removal of this clause in the definition of a Fellow for Paediatric EDs caused significant concern. The feedback indicated that the supervision requirements for FACEM trainees and PEM trainees should differ.

After consideration of the feedback, it was determined that from 2022, for Paediatric Emergency Departments accredited for the FACEM Training Program, the following definition applies:

For Paediatric Emergency Departments accredited for FACEM Training (note that supervision for joint PEM Training is a separate matter), a Fellow is an individual:

a) who is a FACEM;

OR

b) who is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP);

- o who has been awarded completion of, or granted equivalence to, Stage 2 of the Joint Paediatric Training Program and obtained a Letter of Completion or Equivalence by the Committee for Joint College Training in Paediatric Emergency Medicine;

OR

- o who, if they obtained FRACP prior to 1 January 2009, can demonstrate:
 - 24 FTE months consultant experience working in a PED since obtaining FRACP; and
 - current clinical work (0.2 FTE or greater) in a PED.

For Non-Specialist, Co-located Paediatric Emergency Departments (a separately accredited, dedicated area for paediatric attendances that functions distinctly from the adult section of the department within a mixed ED by way of design, resources and staffing), a Fellow is also considered to be an individual:

- o who is a FRACP who can demonstrate:
 - 24 FTE months consultant experience working in a PED since obtaining FRACP; and
 - current clinical work (0.2 FTE or greater) in a PED.

For the purposes of this document, it is understood that in New Zealand, some doctors registered in the vocational scope of practice in Emergency Medicine may not be Fellows of ACEM. As such, the College accepts that these doctors are recognised as specialists in Emergency Medicine with the same scope of practice as a FACEM.