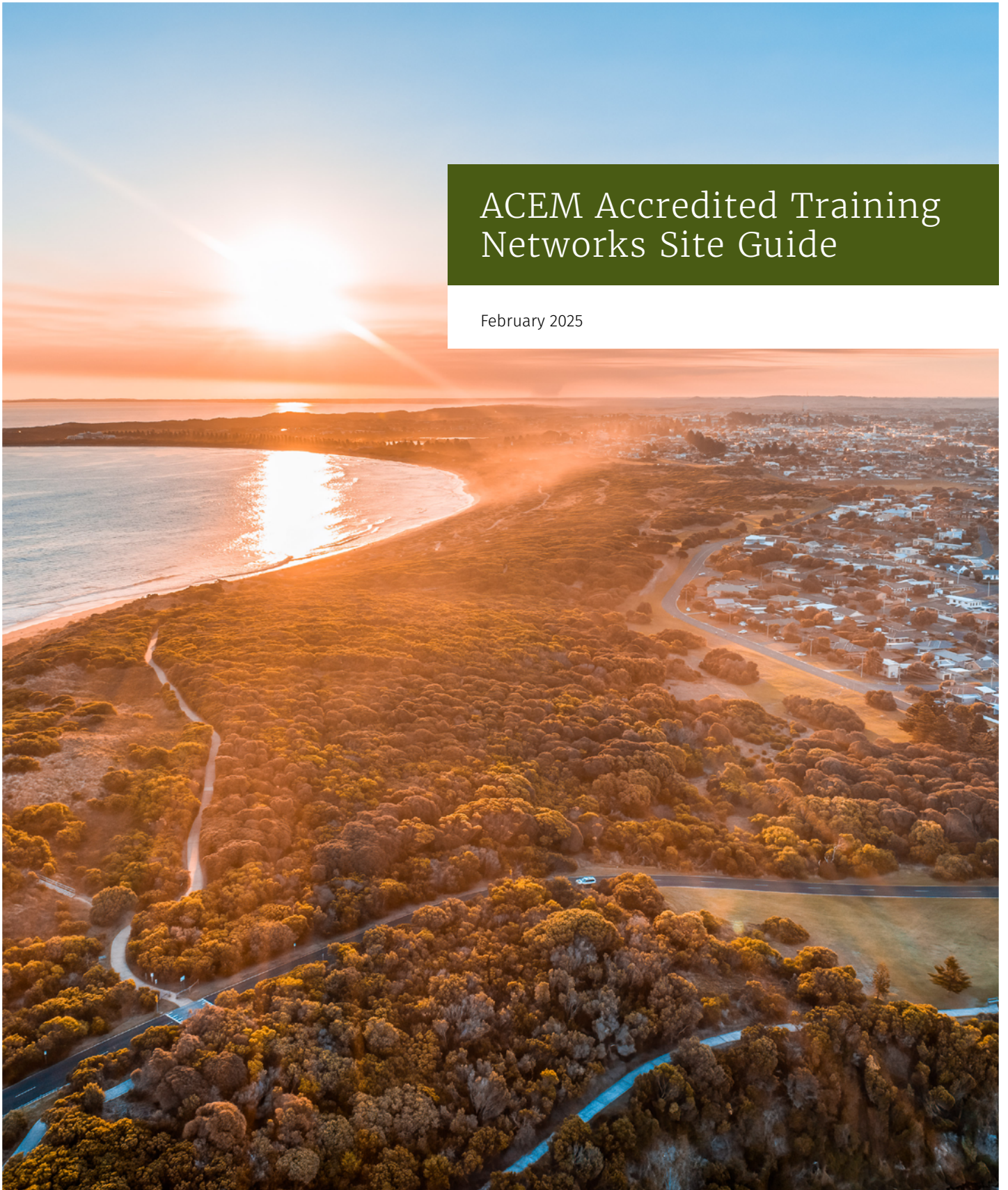


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ACEM Accredited Training Networks Site Guide

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The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) is the not-for-profit organisation responsible for training emergency physicians and advancement of professional standards in emergency medicine in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our vision is to be the trusted authority for ensuring clinical, professional and training standards in the provision of quality, evidence-based, patient-centred emergency care.

Our mission is to promote excellence in the delivery of quality emergency care to all of our communities through our committed and expert members.

Acknowledgement

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands upon which our office is located. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia.

In recognition that we are a bi-national College, ACEM acknowledges Māori as tangata whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Background

The ACEM Accredited Training Networks (ATN) project is federally funded (2025-26) via the Flexible Approach to Training in Expanded Settings (FATES) funding stream. The objective of the project is to pilot two regional/rural accredited training networks which increase training time that can be undertaken rurally, extend the settings in which training can be undertaken and raise accreditation time at sites.

The goal is that these integrated emergency medicine (EM) accredited training networks will provide a comprehensive training program experience which delivers safe, high-quality training that ultimately contributes to the development of a sustainable rural/regional EM workforce.

ATNs differ from existing Emergency Medicine Training Networks in that ATNs also support rotation of trainees through ATN sites and work with unaccredited sites within the ATN footprint to prepare for and work towards accreditation.

By participating in this pilot, ACEM trainees receive tailored, flexible, and high-quality training across a variety of settings, equipping them for a diverse range of EM careers and ensuring they are prepared for independent practice. More specifically, the network aims to provide the following:

- + High-quality training across multiple sites
- + Consistency and equity in training standards
- + Hybrid and flexible learning models
- + Bespoke support in structured and flexible career pathways
- + Equitable resource allocation
- + Tailored career support and mentorship
- + Opportunities for professional development, training and growth
- + Valued regional and rural placements
- + Workforce and placement support

This resource provides information on the pilot sites that are currently part of our two ATNs across Victoria and New South Wales (NSW).

If you are interested in learning more about the ATN Pilot, or have any questions about a specific site, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our project team.

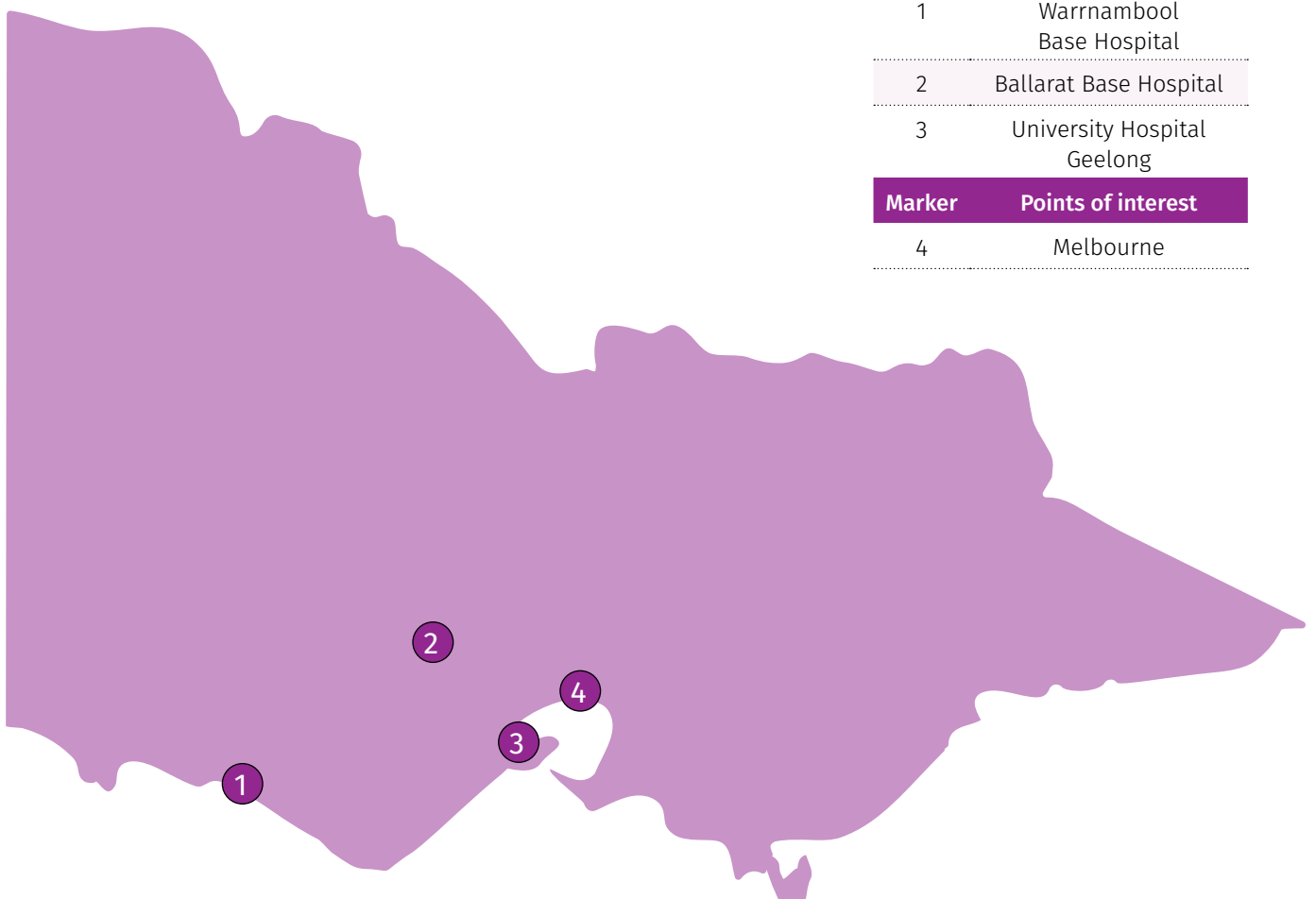
Please note that all opportunities listed under the 'training opportunities' section are accredited but may not be available for a term allocation. Availability and timing of rotations is subject to negotiation at the site level.

Trainees should confirm the length of training and available opportunities for non-ACEM training opportunities on their relevant college website.

Victoria



Locations of ACEM Accredited Training Network sites in Victoria



Marker	Victorian ATN sites
1	Warrnambool Base Hospital
2	Ballarat Base Hospital
3	University Hospital Geelong

Marker	Points of interest
4	Melbourne

Warrnambool Base Hospital

Warrnambool (VIC)



Residential population: ~35,500
MM Zone: 3
Delineation: Non-Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 2
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~25,300
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~120
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~3550

About Warrnambool

Warrnambool is a vibrant coastal city in south-west Victoria, about 260 kilometres from Melbourne. This stunning seaside city has a friendly, community-orientated vibe, a thriving food scene, and offers something for every trainee – from family-friendly to adventure seeker. Known for its beautiful beaches and rugged cliffs, Warrnambool is situated on the Great Ocean Road and offers access to outdoor adventures, including gorgeous hikes along scenic trails, whale watching and surfing. This picturesque destination offers a pristine location for trainees. For more information on what to do in Warrnambool, click [here](#).

Warrnambool Base Hospital

Part of South West Healthcare, Warrnambool Base Hospital is a large 212-bed hospital with a 24-hour ED and dedicated 10-bed paediatric unit. With a high presentation-to-trainee ratio, Warrnambool Hospital offers trainees a great opportunity for responsibility and independence while training. As a trainee, you will be supported by a highly experienced consultant team, which includes emergency specialists, GP anaesthetists and sports physicians, as well as experts in retrieval medicine, ultrasound, trauma, toxicology and research. For more information on Warrnambool Base Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

ACEM Emergency Medicine: 24 months (ACEM)

ACEM Paediatric Logbook/ Emergency (ACEM)

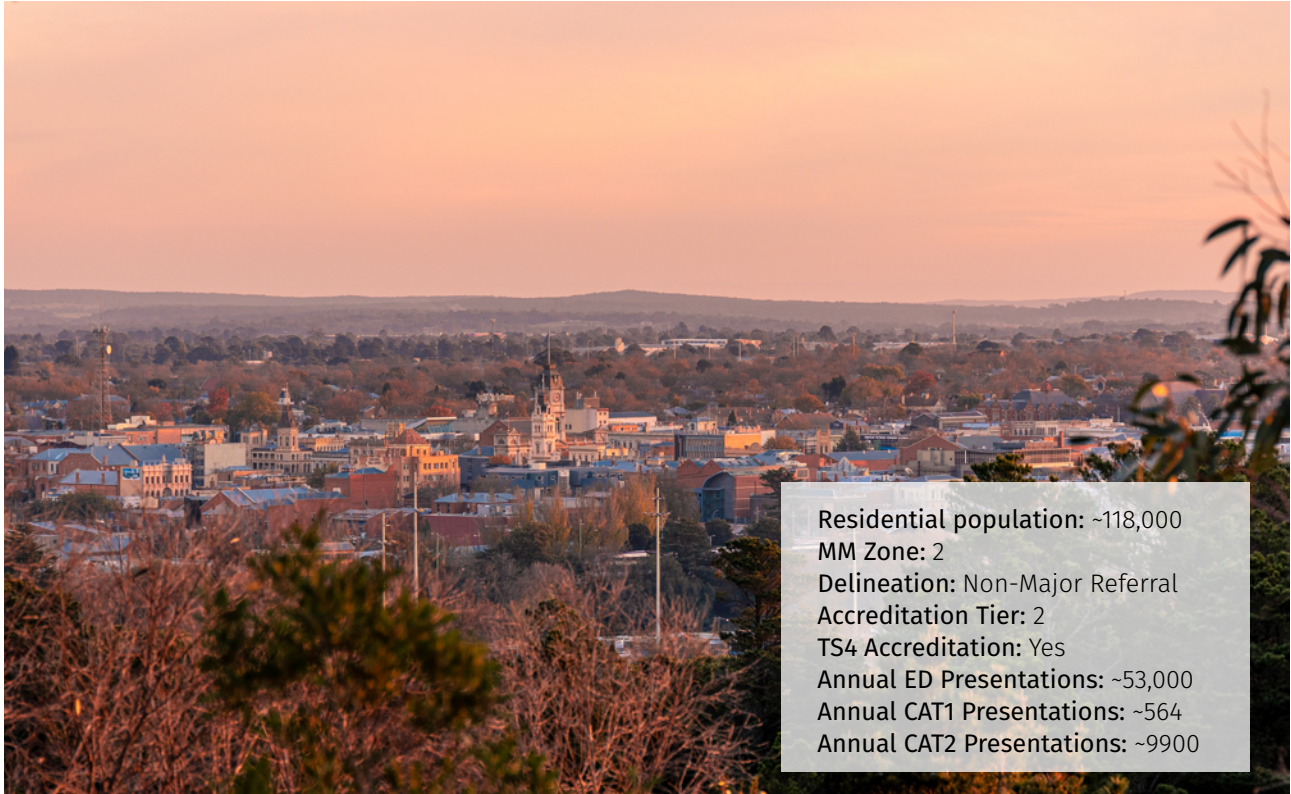
Anaesthetics: 12 months (ANZCA)

Rural Generalist Paediatrics: 12 months (RACGP)

Advanced Specialised Training: Emergency Medicine (ACRRM)

Ballarat Base Hospital

Ballarat (VIC)



About Ballarat

Ballarat is a historic gold rush city located 90-minutes northwest of Melbourne. Boasting Victorian architecture, from its time as a gold mining hub in the 1850s, Ballarat is a delight of verdant gardens, natural wonders and fine food. Home to the nation's oldest regional art gallery, there's cultural festivals throughout the year that shine a light on the people that make the region what it is – a regional hub for health, education and tourism. Take in the open-air museum of Sovereign Hill, the picturesque Lake Wendouree or explore the Woookarung Regional Park where you can go hiking or cycling – all while keeping an eye out for kangaroos, echidnas or native birds. For more information on what to do in Ballarat, click [here](#).

Ballarat Base Hospital

Part of Grampians Health, Ballarat Base Hospital serves a diverse catchment of over 250,000 people. The ED has a separate adult and paediatric zone and includes three resuscitation bays, 20 standard bays, a 12-bed short stay unit, 12 bay ambulatory area and five bay fast-track area. At Ballarat Base Hospital, trainees can expect easy access to senior staff for on the floor supervision and WBAs and have little competition for access to critically ill patients and invasive procedures. For more information on Ballarat Base Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 24 months (ACEM)

Paediatric Logbook/Emergency (ACEM)

Rural Generalist Paediatrics: 12 months (RACGP)

Anaesthetics: Three months (ANZCA); Rural Generalist Anaesthesia (ANZCA)

Advanced Specialised Training: Emergency Medicine (ACRRM)

ICU: Six months (CICM)

University Hospital Geelong

Geelong (VIC)



Residential population: ~289,000
MM Zone: 1
Delineation: Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 1
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~78,000
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~1050
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~15,000

About Geelong

Located just one hour south-west of Melbourne, Geelong is a rapidly growing city that boasts a lively waterfront, and burgeoning arts and cultural scene. Trainees in Geelong enjoy easy access to Melbourne, while having a laid-back lifestyle. Geelong is a stone's throw from the Great Ocean Road, and offers relaxing beaches where you can swim, surf, kayak or fish. There is also a passionate food and wine region that is home to award-winning restaurants and wineries to enjoy. At its heart is a strong sporting culture, from its AFL club – the Cats – to the multitude of amateur clubs, giving plenty of opportunity to develop connections in the area. For more information on what to do in Geelong, click [here](#).

University Hospital Geelong

Part of Barwon Health, University Hospital Geelong is the only tertiary hospital outside of the Melbourne metropolitan area. With a growing population, University Geelong's mixed emergency department offers a dynamic patient and injury mix, with 30 per cent of presentations being paediatric. As a trainee coming to Geelong, you can expect access to all major specialties, except neurosurgery and transplant medicine, as well as a stimulating work environment due to the variety and acuity of conditions treated. Similarly, it is one of the few Victorian hospitals with Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) services, offering further learning opportunities. For more information on University Hospital Geelong, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 36 months (ACEM)

Medical Education/Simulation:
Six months (ACEM)

Paediatric Logbook/Emergency
(ACEM)

ICU: Limited General Training (CICM)

Anaesthetics: 36 months (ANZCA);
Rural Generalist Anaesthesia
(ANZCA)

Pain: Level 1 (ANZCA)

Acute Care ED: Six months (RACP)

Community Development:
Six months (RACP)

General Paediatrics: 12 months
(RACP)

New South Wales

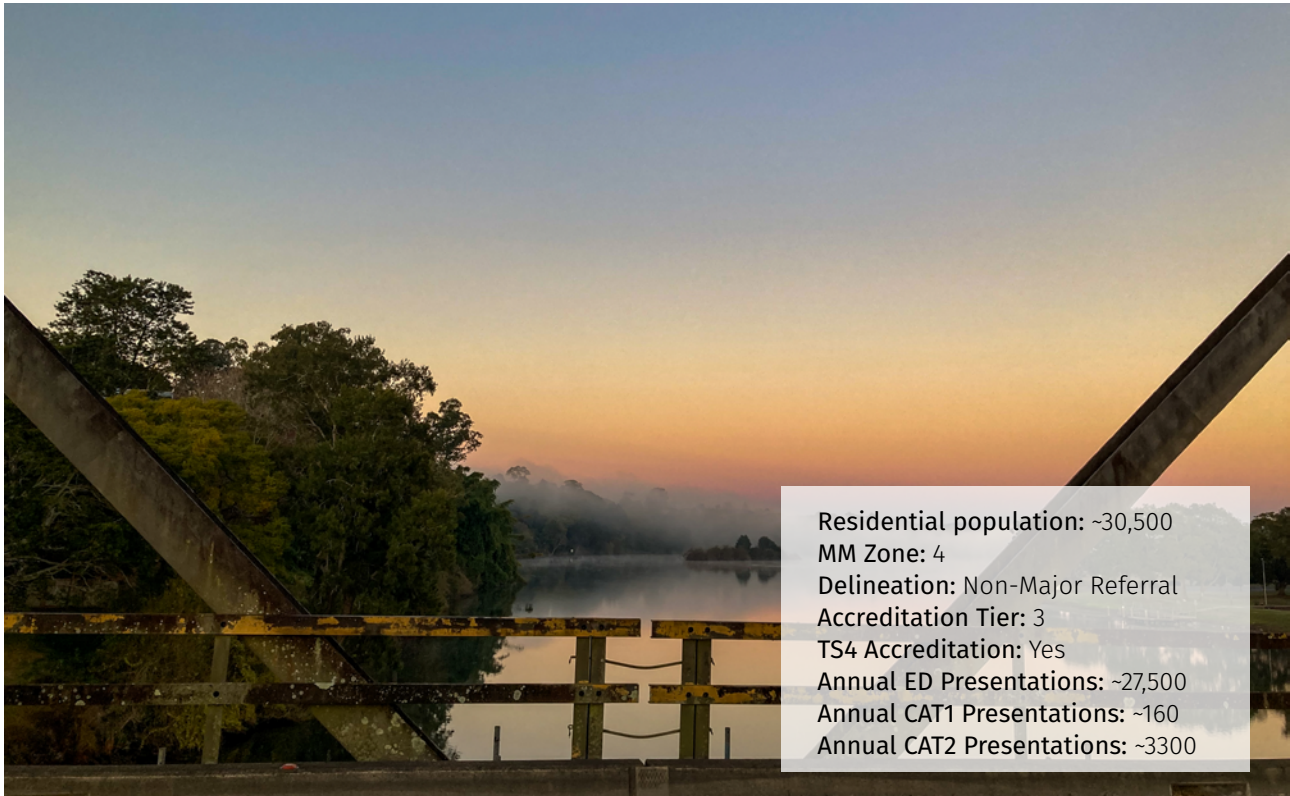


Locations of ACEM Accredited Training Network sites in New South Wales



Kempsey District Hospital

Kempsey (NSW)



Residential population: ~30,500
MM Zone: 4
Delineation: Non-Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 3
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~27,500
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~160
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~3300

About Kempsey

Kempsey is a scenic town on the Macleay River in the Mid North Coast region of NSW. Surrounded by national parks, beaches, and hinterlands, it serves as the hub of the Macleay Valley. The town has Indigenous heritage from the Dunghutti people, which is celebrated through local art and events. Nearby attractions like Crescent Head surf beach and Smoky Cape Lighthouse add to Kempsey's charm, offering a mix of outdoor adventure and cultural richness. For more information on what to do in Kempsey, click [here](#).

Kempsey District Hospital

Kempsey District Hospital has a newly upgraded mixed emergency department that captures a diverse catchment of patients, including a high proportion of Aboriginal Health and 30 per cent of presentations being paediatric. The emergency department includes 12 beds with large fast-track area to support on-site inpatient services of general medicine, mental health, maternity, and rehab. Trainees coming to Kempsey will have the opportunity to experience a complex and diverse injury mix while being supported by a dedicated and enthusiastic group of FACEMs. At Kempsey, there is a huge focus on teaching and supervision, with education days shared and run at Port Macquarie Base Hospital. For more information on Kempsey District Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 12 months (ACEM)

Ultrasound: Three months (ACEM)

Tamworth Hospital

Tamworth (NSW)



Residential population: ~65,000
MM Zone: 3
Delineation: Non-Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 1
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~43,000
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~190
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~5900

About Tamworth

Tamworth is the country music capital of Australia and home to one of the largest music events in the Southern Hemisphere – the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Featuring attractions like the Big Golden Guitar and Country Music Hall of Fame, it's got plenty of pull for musically-inclined trainees – but don't think it's a one-trick pony. Tamworth is home to a strong sporting culture, sweeping views and plenty of local produce. It also features scenic outdoor spots, national parks, and trails. With its mix of rural vibes and modern amenities, Tamworth is a great location for trainees looking to take the next step. For more information on what to do in Tamworth, click [here](#).

Tamworth Hospital

Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital's has a mixed ED, with a full age range of presentations and 25 per cent being paediatric. The combination of motor vehicles, farming industry and geography ensures a wide range of trauma and high acuity presentations. There is a local helicopter retrieval service and support to more than 15 GP-VMO run rural facilities. The ED also provides telephone and telehealth support to rural GP-VMOs in the surrounding towns. The ED includes 28 beds, two resuscitation bays, 10 acute beds, two mental health assessment rooms, a six-bed short stay unit, four-bed paediatric area and an Emergency Treatment Zone. For more information on Tamworth District Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 36 months (ACEM)

Pre-Hospital and Retrieval:
Six months (ACEM)

Paediatric Logbook/Emergency
(ACEM)

ICU: Six months (General Training
CICM)

Anaesthetics: Six months (ANZCA);
Rural Generalist Anaesthesia
(ANZCA)

Advanced Specialised Training:
Emergency Medicine (ACRRM)

Port Macquarie Base Hospital

Port Macquarie (NSW)



Residential population: ~87,000
MM Zone: 3
Delineation: Non-Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 1
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~49,000
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~360
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~6150

About Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie, a stunning coastal town nestled on the Mid North Coast of NSW, is celebrated for its beaches, wildlife and charming lifestyle. Sitting where the Hastings River meets the sea, it offers scenic waterfront views and access to fresh seafood at its many restaurants, cafes and pubs. Port Macquarie blends historical sites with modern amenities, a thriving arts scene inspired by the natural wonders and plenty of outdoor activities like surfing, whale watching, and scenic coastal walks to keep trainees busy. Surrounded by national parks, it's an ideal spot for both adventure and relaxation. For more information on what to do in Port Macquarie, click [here](#).

Port Macquarie Base Hospital

Port Macquarie Base Hospital is the main referral centre for Mid North Coast in New South Wales. The recently remodelled mixed emergency department has a diverse injury mix and patient profile, with 25 per cent of presentations being paediatric. There are two ultrasound machines located in the ED with formal ultrasound teaching. The ED also offers 24-hour lab services and CT and MRI provision. As a trainee coming to Port Macquarie, you can expect working closely with supportive and engaged specialists. For more information on Port Macquarie Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 36 months (ACEM)
Paediatric Logbook/Emergency (ACEM)
ICU: Limited General Training (G6) Rural
Anaesthetics: 24 months (ANZCA)
General Paediatrics (Rural): 12 months (RACP)

Calvary Mater Newcastle

Newcastle (NSW)



Residential population: ~169,000
MM Zone: 1
Delineation: Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 2
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~40,500
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~210
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~7200

About Newcastle

Newcastle offers up a quintessential coastal life to trainees and is only a two-hour drive from the bustling Sydney CBD. Sitting at the mouth of the Hunter River, two beautiful coastlines offer pristine beaches, adventurous trails and a chance to make a popular weekend getaway your year-round home. Australia's second-oldest city, Newcastle combines historic architecture with modern cafes, waterfront dining, and galleries. Highlights include Nobbys and Merewether beaches, the bustling Honeysuckle Foreshore, and nearby escapes like the Hunter Valley wine region. Newcastle offers urban energy and coastal wonder. For more information on what to do in Newcastle, click [here](#).

Calvary Mater Hospital

Calvary Mater Hospital is located just 5kms from the main Newcastle strip in Waratah. Providing care to a diverse range of patients, Calvary Mater has a strong focus on oncology and research, acting as the major cancer care centre for the Hunter New England Local Health District. In addition, as the only psychiatric emergency care centre in the Hunter New England Network, Calvary Mater Hospital has a large predominance of mental health presentations. The hospital is also home to the largest toxicology database in the Southern Hemisphere, with a unique opportunity for registrars to (externally) apply for a toxicology registrar position. Calvary Mater's 24-hour ED includes a 14-bed acute unit, one-bed resuscitation bay, five-bed fast-track area and 12-bed emergency short stay unit. The hospital also has an intensive care unit and extensive palliative care services. For more information on Calvary Mater Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 24 months (ACEM)

Toxicology: Six months (ACEM)

ICU: Limited General Training G6 (CICM)

Maitland Hospital

Maitland (NSW)



Residential population: ~90,000
MM Zone: 1
Delineation: Non-Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 2
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~54,000
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~270
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~10,300

About Maitland

Maitland, located two hours' drive from Sydney in the Lower Hunter Valley of NSW, is a lively city known for its rich history and thriving community. It combines a relaxed lifestyle with convenient access to essential services, quality education, and healthcare. With a blend of heritage charm and modern amenities, Maitland serves as a central hub for both residents and visitors in the region. For more information on what to do in Maitland, click [here](#).

Maitland Hospital

Newly completed in 2023, Maitland hospital supports a genuine mixed emergency department with 20 per cent paediatric case load. The emergency department includes four ambulance bays, 18 acute beds, eight short stay beds, 10 fast-track assessment spaces, and five paediatric beds. At Maitland Hospital, you will be joining a growing cohort of young and experienced FACEMs. For more information on Maitland Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 24 months (ACEM)

Medical Education/Simulation: Six months (ACEM)

Ultrasound: Six months (ACEM)

Paediatric Logbook/Emergency (ACEM)

ICU: Foundation Training (CICM)

Anaesthetics: 12 months (ANZCA); Rural Generalist Anaesthesia (ANZCA)

General Paediatrics: 12 months (RACP)

Advanced Specialised Training: Emergency Medicine (ACRRM)

John Hunter Hospital

Newcastle (NSW)



Residential population: ~169,000
MM Zone: 1
Delineation: Major Referral
Accreditation Tier: 1
TS4 Accreditation: Yes
Annual ED Presentations: ~75,000
Annual CAT1 Presentations: ~1080
Annual CAT2 Presentations: ~14,500

About Newcastle

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John Hunter Hospital

John Hunter Hospital is a large metropolitan hospital with world class facilities and consultants. The hospital has a dedicated adult and paediatric ED, with the paediatric ED having 12 acute beds and one procedure room. Within the adult ED, there are five resuscitation bays, 27 acute beds, five fast-track beds, 10 fast-track chairs, one mental health room and eight short stay unit beds. For trainees coming to John Hunter, they can expect an exciting, fast-paced lifestyle and experience dealing with a wide range of cases. Trainees can also expect a high level of consultant support and can take advantage of the wide number of training and learning opportunities at the hospital. For more information on John Hunter Hospital, click [here](#).

Training opportunities

Emergency Medicine: 36 months (ACEM)

Medical Admin/Safety and Quality: Three months (ACEM)

Medical Education/Simulation: Three months (ACEM)

Pre-Hospital and Retrieval: Six months (ACEM)

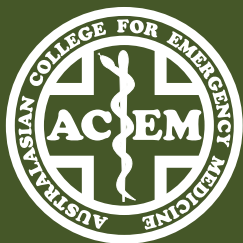
Associateship in Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine Training: 12 months (ACEM)

Ultrasound: Three months (ACEM)

Paediatric Emergency Medicine: 12 months (ACEM)

ICU: General Training, Neuro, Cardio, Trauma, AP6 (CICM)

Anaesthetics: 36 months (ANZCA)



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