

'a wide range of skills'



Advanced Specialised Training

Advanced Skills Training is another component of our Enhanced Training option and is primarily undertaken by Registrars intending to do a FACRRM or FARGP. The aim of Advanced Rural Skills Training/Advanced Specialised Training is to allow Registrars to further their knowledge and/or skills in an area of interest. These 12-month posts are typically located in a hospital (if procedural) but may also be located in a community setting, or a combination of both (if non-procedural).

A Registrar undertaking this form of enhanced training may also choose to pursue a skills qualification in a specific area of training (eg Diploma in Palliative Care, Dip Obs/Advanced Dip Obs etc). There are multiple types of posts that can be undertaken as Advanced Skills Training.

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THE FIRST TIME I HEARD ABOUT AOGP WAS... when I applied to AGPT for GP training in 2008.

A DAY IN YOUR LIFE Wake at 5.00am to begin ward rounds at 7.00am. Then I see outpatients or attend theatre where I do general surgery; anything from a sebaceous cyst incision, hemicolecotomy to ingrown toenails.

DRIVING FORCE The big wide world—getting out and experiencing it. I enjoy being a 'Jack of all trades' and like the idea of being able to do lots of different things. I saw that lots of minor surgeries

were having to be transferred out at enormous expense for lack of skills in rural and remote areas.

LOVE ABOUT YOUR DAY Learning the skills I need to fulfil my dream of being a rural generalist.

DISLIKE ABOUT YOUR DAY Lots of hours!

PERSONAL BIGGEST CHALLENGE Overcoming my own laziness and desire to sit around and do nothing.

PERSONAL BIGGEST REWARD Being able to do the things I want and buy things I want. To live a comfortable life.

PROFESSIONAL BIGGEST REWARD The personal satisfaction of knowing how to do things and having a wide range of skills.

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?

Things that other people don't laugh at—I have a slightly different view on things.

FAVOURITE MOVIE AND ALBUM OF ALL TIME

The 1986 French movie, 'Betty Blue' and INXS' 'Shabooh Shoobah'.

ULTIMATE HOLIDAY Sailing around the world to remote locations—somewhere no else is.

IF I WASN'T A DOCTOR I WOULD BE... possibly a politician or a dole bludger.

GREATEST INFLUENCE I am largely self directed.