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Introduction and Background

The Western Australia (WA) - Training and Assessment report is a snapshot overview of data and outlines the most recent numbers for:

- Enrolments
- Trainees and Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMG)
- Assessment pass rates
- New RANZCP Fellows
- Certificates of advanced training

The end-of-year update data is current as of March 2025 and summarises activities for January – December 2024.

Importantly, the data published in the respective sections are aggregated for each state and Western Australia. However, the definition of location changes according to the member type:

- Trainees: The Fellowship zone is used to determine location
- SIMGs: The employer state is used to determine location
- New Fellows: The last Fellowship zone recorded is used to determine location

The data for this report is taken from the College member database, and the Education and Training Unit conducted the analysis as part of its regular reporting of the College's education activities. Numbers may differ from other reports due to trainees moving zones, late form submissions, withdrawals, non-payment of fees, exclusions, or other reasons. Results presented in this report have been rounded to the nearest whole per cent, and in some cases, answers may not add up to 100%.

1. RANZCP Fellowship program enrolment

During the 2024 training year, a total of 33 trainees commenced the WA training program (see Table 1).

The training year for 2024 commenced in February for Australia and Western Australia, covering the period from February 2024 to February 2025. Table 1 compares the 2024 intake with the same period in 2023 and shows the difference in numbers.

Table 1. WA Training Intakes by zone

	WA	WA Rural	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
2024	28	5	33	453
2023	22	7	29	413
Difference	+6	-2	+4	+40

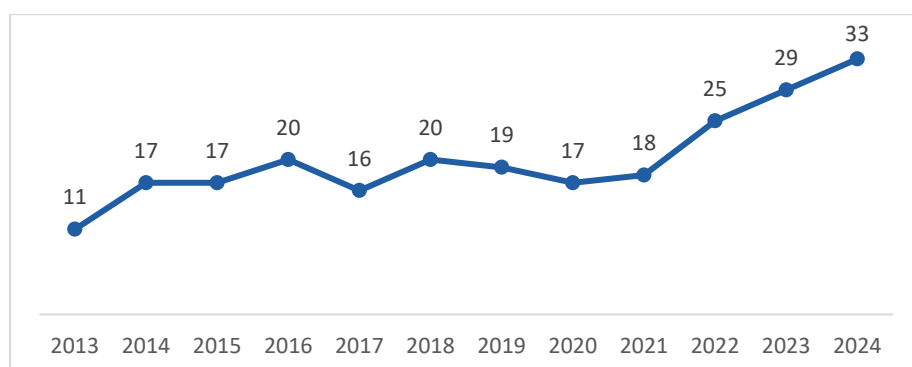


Figure 1. WA Training intake (2013-2024)

2. RANZCP Fellowship program numbers

Overall, the WA program currently has 201 active trainees. The distribution of these trainees across different stages of training is detailed in Table 2. There are 197 trainees (98%) undertaking the 2012 program, and four trainees (2%) transitioned from the 2003 program.

Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of WA trainees across each stage of training and zone. The WA program has the highest proportion of its trainees in stage 2.

Table 2. Total WA Training Numbers by stage (correct as of 24 March 2025)

	WA	WA Rural	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
2012 Program	161	36	197	2586
Stage 1	34	10	44	654
Stage 2	67	18	85	936
Stage 3	60	8	68	996
Transitioned	2	2	4	44
Stage 1	-	-	-	1
Stage 2	-	-	-	1
Stage 3	2	2	4	42
Overall	163	38	201	2630
Stage 1	34	10	44	655
Stage 2	67	18	85	937
Stage 3	62	10	72	1038

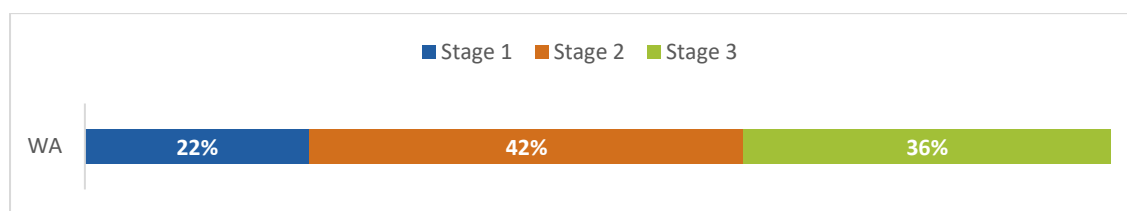


Figure 2. Trainees by Fellowship Zone and Stage of Training (correct as of 8 January 2024)

The distribution of WA trainees by zone and gender is outlined in Table 3. Women represent more than 50% of WA trainees. In Table 3, trainees identifying as non-binary / gender diverse and preferring not to say are presented as part of the overall numbers and not distributed by zone. Table 4 shows the range and frequency of the age of WA trainees. The WA trainees range from 26 to 70 years of age. The average age is 37.93 years, with a standard deviation of +/- 7.813 years.

Table 3. Distribution of WA trainees by gender (correct as of 8 January 2024)

	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
Man	90	1046
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	7
Prefer not to say	1	4
Woman	110	1178

Table 4. Descriptive statistics: WA trainees' age (correct as of 8 January 2024)

Statistics	
Mean	37.93
Median	37
Standard deviation	7.813
Minimum	26
Maximum	70

3. Assessments

3.1 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Examination

The Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Examination was held in March and August 2024. The pass rates for the WA program were 70% in March and 67% in August. In total, 29 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 5. MCQ March Results

March	WA		WA Rural	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	12	8	20	215
	Pass	9	5	14	150
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	63%	70%	70%

Table 6. MCQ August Results

August	WA		WA Rural	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	6	3	9	227
	Pass	4	2	6	180
	Pass Rate (%)	67%	67%	67%	79%

3.2 Critical Essay Question (CEQ) Examination

The Critical Essay Question Examination (CEQ) was held in February and August 2024, where the WA program achieved a pass rate of 65% in February and 39% in August. A total of 49 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 7. CEQ February Results

February	WA		WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	21	5	5	31	239
	Pass	14	4	2	20	170
	Pass Rate (%)	67%	80%	40%	65%	71%

Table 8. CEQ August Results

August	WA		WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	12	2	4	18	230
	Pass	5	1	1	7	141
	Pass Rate (%)	42%	50%	25%	39%	61%

3.3 Modified Essay Question (MEQ) Examination

The Modified Essay Question Examination (MEQ) was held in February and August 2024. The WA program pass rates were 61% in February and 50% in August. A total of 58 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 9. MEQ February Results

February		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	23	6	7	36	276
	Pass	13	4	5	22	166
	Pass Rate (%)	57%	67%	71%	61%	60%

Table 10. MEQ August Results

August		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	12	6	4	22	340
	Pass	6	4	1	11	191
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	67%	25%	50%	56%

3.4 Clinical Competency Assessment (CCA)

The Board has approved the implementation of the Clinical Competency Assessment—Modified Portfolio Review (CCA-MPR), which will be offered from April 2024 to April 2026 as the primary clinical assessment for the RANZCP Fellowship.

The CCA-MPR was held in March and September 2024, with the WA program achieving a 66% pass rate in March and a 92% pass rate in September. A total of 19 assessments were completed during these rounds in 2024. The CCA relies on longitudinal data points to make high-stakes decisions, unlike summative assessments, which base judgments on a single data point. The ongoing, structured feedback received during training is assessed to inform progression decisions. This ensures that candidates only proceed to submit their portfolios when they believe they have met the required standards. As a result, the outcomes from the CCA do not come as a surprise to candidates.

Table 11. CCA March 2024 Results

WA		RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
Trainees	4	40
Successful	3	38
Unsuccessful	1	2
SIMGs	2	17
Successful	1	16
Unsuccessful	1	1
Overall	6	57
Successful	4	54
Unsuccessful	2	3

Table 12. CCA September 2024 Results

WA		RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
Trainees	9	95
Successful	9	94
Unsuccessful	0	1
SIMGs	4	19
Successful	3	16
Unsuccessful	1	3
Overall	13	114
Successful	12	110
Unsuccessful	1	4

3.5 Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC)

The results of the Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) submissions received in 2024 are summarised in Tables 13 to 16, including the pass rates. In total, 30 submissions were assessed. The pass rates for the PWC in 2024 were as follows: 67% in February, 40% in May, 91% in August and 64% in November 2024.

Table 13. PWC February Results

February		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	2	1	-	3	90
	Pass	1	1	-	2	61
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	100%	-	67%	68%

Table 14. PWC May Results

May		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	3	2	-	5	119
	Pass	1	1	-	2	77
	Pass Rate (%)	33%	50%	-	40%	65%

Table 15. PWC August Results

August		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	7	4	-	11	95
	Pass	6	4	-	10	72
	Pass Rate (%)	86%	100%	-	91%	76%

Table 16. PWC November Results

November		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	11	-	-	11	131
	Pass	7	-	-	7	90
	Pass Rate (%)	64%	-	-	64%	69%

3.6 Scholarly Project (SP)

a. Submission results

During the 2024 round of submissions, 15 Scholarly Projects from the WA program were received. The pass rates for the SP in 2024 were as follows: 33% in March, 100% in July and 78% in November 2024.

Table 17. SP March Results

March		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	2	1	-	3	64
	Pass	0	1	-	1	52
	Pass Rate (%)	0%	100%	-	33%	81%

Table 18. SP Pass Rate by Project Type

Project type	March	
	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	-	-
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	2	0%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	1	100%

Table 19. SP July Results – Assessments by Fellowship zone

July		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	3	-	-	3	63
	Pass	3	-	-	3	53
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	-	-	100%	84%

Table 20. SP Pass Rate by project type

Project type	July	
	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	-	-
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	3	100%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-	-

Table 21. SP November Results

November		WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	7	2	-	9	118
	Pass	5	2	-	7	96
	Pass Rate (%)	71%	100%	-	78%	81%

Table 22. SP Pass Rate by project type

Project type	November	
	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	1	100%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	8	75%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-	-

Other	-	-
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b. Proposals and exemptions

The RANZCP approved 20 SP proposals from the WA program between January and December 2024. The most common project type received was qualitative or quantitative research (see Table 23).

Table 23. Approved SP proposals by project type (Jan – Dec 2024)

	WA	WA Rural	WA Overall
Case Series	1	0	1
Literature Review	3	2	5
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	6	5	11
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	2	1	3
Other	-	-	-

Trainees may be exempt from undertaking the SP if they have conducted activities that are considered equivalent by the RANZCP. In 2024, the College received five exemption applications, and all were granted (see Table 24).

Table 24. SP Exemptions granted by Fellowship zone (Jan-Dec 2024)

	WA	WA Rural	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	5	-	5	103
Pass	5	-	5	96
Pass Rate (%)	100%	-	100%	93%

4. Specialist International Medical Graduates program enrolment

A total of 14 Specialist International Medical Graduates commenced a pathway to attain Fellowship of the RANZCP in WA during the period from January to December 2024 (10 deemed to be partially comparable and four deemed to be substantially comparable).

Table 25. Specialist Pathway Assessments by Employer State (Jan-Dec 2024)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	14	98
Partially	10	65
Substantially	4	33

Table 26. WA Intakes by country of the highest specialist qualification assessed (Jan-Dec 2024)

Country	Partially	Substantially	Overall
Canada	-	1	1
Croatia	1	-	1
India	2	1	3
Kenya	1	-	1
Nigeria	1	-	1
South Africa	1	-	1
Sri Lanka	1	1	2
United Kingdom	3	1	4
Overall	10	4	14

5. Specialist International Medical Graduates numbers

The WA program currently has 24 active SIMGs. Overall, 19 SIMGs (79%) are undertaking the program under the Partial Comparability pathway, and 4 SIMGs (21%) under Substantial Comparability.

Table 27. Total SIMGs Numbers by Employer State (correct as of 14 January 2025)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
SIMGs	24	180
Partially	19	146
Substantially	5	34

The distribution of SIMGs by gender is presented in Table 28. Men represent more than 50% of RANZCP SIMGs in WA.

Table 28. Distribution of SIMGs by Fellowship Zone and gender (correct as of 14 January 2025)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
Man	13	101
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-
Woman	11	76
Prefer not to say	-	3

6. New Fellows

Over the reporting period, the RANZCP announced the admission of 23 new College Fellows from the WA program, with 14 (61%) completing the training program pathway and the remaining 9 (39%) following the SIMG program.

Table 29. Total Number of WA New Fellows (Jan-Dec 2024)

	WA	WA Rural	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
Training program	12	2	14	223
2012 program	12	2	14	212
Transitioned	-	-	-	11
SIMG pathway	-	-	9	51
Partial	-	-	4	27
Substantial	-	-	5	24
Overall (a) + (b)	12	2	23	274

* Training pathway distributed based on the last zone trained and specialist pathway based on the employer state.

The distribution of New Fellows from the WA program by gender is outlined in Table 30. Man represents more than 50% of new Fellows from the WA program. The age range for these new fellows ranges from 33 years to 53 years.

Table 30. Distribution of New Fellows by Fellowship Zone and gender (Jan-Dec 2024)

	WA	WA Rural	WA SIMGs	WA Overall	RANZCP Overall
Man	7	1	7	15	141
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-	-	-	1
Prefer not to say	-	-	-	-	1
Woman	5	1	2	8	144

7. Certificates of Advanced Training

The total numbers of enrolments, awards and current participants completing Certificates of Advanced Training in WA are shown in Tables 31 to 34.

a. Enrolment

Table 31 provides a breakdown of enrolments into certificate courses in WA from January to December 2024.

Table 31. Certificates of Advanced Training intake by type and certificate zone (Jan – Dec 2024)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	9	222
Addiction	-	28
Adult	1	24
Child and Adolescent	2	52
Consultation-Liaison	-	36
Forensic	1	25
Old Age	4	39
Psychotherapy	1	18

b. RANZCP Certificates of Advanced Training numbers

Table 32 shows the total number of people currently enrolled in Certificates of Advanced Training in WA, and the detail of Membership by location is shown in Table 33. A total of 37 advanced certificates are being completed by 36 people, with the most common certificates being Old Age, accounting for 38% of the total. The majority of people enrolled are RANZCP trainees (52%) and the remaining Fellows (48%).

Table 32. Total Certificates of Advanced Training Numbers by Certificate Zone (correct as of 15 January 2025)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	37	867
Addiction	2	128
Adult	3	59
Child and Adolescent	5	181
Consultation-Liaison	7	152
Forensic	2	84
Old Age	14	150
Psychotherapy	4	113

Table 33. Total Certificates of Advanced Training Numbers by Membership (correct as of 15 January 2025)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	36	821
Trainees	19	490
Fellows	17	331

c. Awards

During 2024, a total of 6 Certificates of Advanced Training from the WA were approved by the Education Committee.

Table 34. Certificates of Advanced Training awarded by type and Certificate Zone (Jan – Dec 2024)

	WA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	6	146
Addiction	-	17
Adult	-	9
Child and Adolescent	3	46
Consultation-Liaison	-	26
Forensic	-	17
Old Age	2	22
Psychotherapy	1	9

8. Specialist Training Program (STP)

The Specialist Training Program (STP) is an Australian Government initiative.

It provides funding to health organisations to support specialist medical training in settings beyond traditional public teaching hospitals. STP posts involve 6-month training rotations in priority settings, such as the private sector, regional, rural, and remote areas, as well as non-hospital settings (e.g., aged care, community health organisations, or Aboriginal medical services). As providers of STP, posts must submit a report after each rotation. The numbers in this report may differ from those reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care. The Modified Monash (MM) classification is used to report the geographical location of the posts.

Table 35 shows the total number of FTE by the MM rating, and the number of WA trainees in the STP program is shown in Table 36. The STP program funded a total of 14 FTE in MM locations during Rotation 1, 2024, covering 10 trainees.

Table 35. Rotation 1, 2024 STP locations showing FTE by MM classification

	WA	AUST
MM1	10	107.81
MM2	0.2	15.51
MM3	0.9	15.8
MM4	0.2	6.78
MM5	0.7	2.44
MM6	0.5	3.18
MM7	1.5	8.48
Overall	14	165

* MM1 is a major city, and MM7 is very remote. Areas classified MM2 to MM7 are rural or remote.

Table 36. Rotation 1, 2024 Trainees funded by the STP program

	WA	AUST
STP trainees Rotation 1, 2024	10	150

9. Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) Program

The Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) program is an Australian Government initiative designed to increase the number of psychiatry trainees and specialists in rural and regional areas.

Training posts funded in the IRTP program differ from those in the Specialist Training Program (STP) in that the funding follows the trainee through multiple rotations at a health service.

Overall, the College has 36 active trainees funded by the IRTP program. Currently, there are four trainees from WA funded by the IRTP.

Table 37. Total Trainees funded by the IRTP program

	WA	AUST
Trainees	4	36