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Introduction and Background

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) - 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
- Specialist Training Program (STP) and Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) Program.

The end-of-year update is current as of March 2025 and summarises activities from January to December 2024.

Importantly, the data published in the respective sections is aggregated for each state and New Zealand. However, the definition of location varies 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 was extracted 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 up 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 6 trainees commenced the ACT training program (see Table 1).

The training year for 2024 commenced in February for Australia and New Zealand, 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. ACT Training Intakes

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
2024	6	453
2023	9	413
Difference	-3	+40

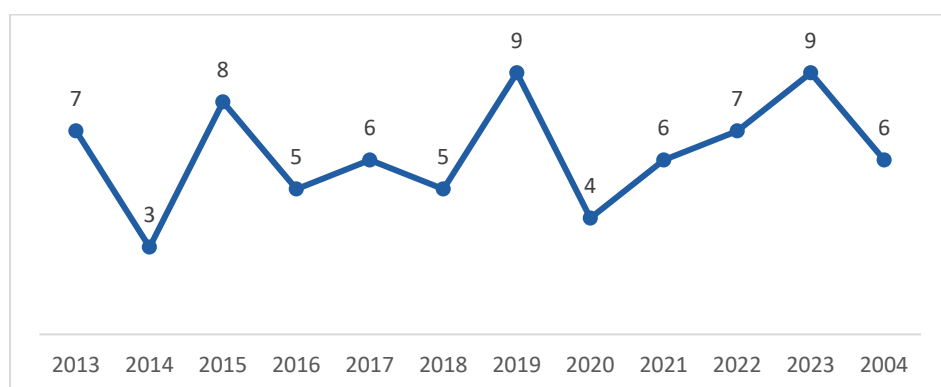


Figure 1. ACT Training intake (2013-2024)

2. RANZCP Fellowship program numbers

Overall, the ACT program currently has 46 active trainees. The distribution of these trainees across different stages of training is detailed in Table 2. There are 45 trainees (98%) undertaking the 2012 program, and 1 trainee (2%) transitioned from the 2003 program.

Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of trainees across each stage of training and the location. The ACT program has the highest proportion of its trainees in stages 2 and 3.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
2012 Program	45	2586
Stage 1	8	654
Stage 2	17	936
Stage 3	20	996
Transitioned	1	44
Stage 1	-	1
Stage 2	-	1
Stage 3	1	42
Overall	46	2630
Stage 1	8	655
Stage 2	17	937
Stage 3	21	1038

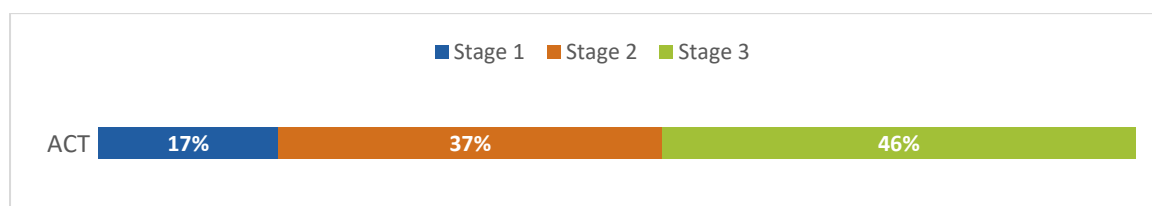


Figure 2. Trainees by Fellowship Zone and Stage of Training (correct as of 24 March 2025)

The distribution of trainees by zone and gender is outlined in Table 3. Women represent more than 50% of ACT 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 the program. Table 4 shows the range and frequency of the age of ACT trainees. The ACT trainees range from 26 to 56 years of age. The average age is 35.67 years, with a standard deviation of +/- 7.205 years.

Table 3. Distribution of ACT trainees by gender (correct as of 24 March 2025)

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Man	22	1237
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	10
Prefer not to say	-	8
Woman	24	1375

Table 4. Descriptive statistics ACT trainees age (correct as of 24 March 2025)

Statistics	
Mean	35.67
Median	33.50
Standard deviation	7.205
Minimum	26
Maximum	56

3. Assessments

3.1 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Examination

The Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Examination was held in March and August 2024. Pass rates for the ACT program were 80% in March and 100% in August. In total, 11 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 5. MCQ March Results

March	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	5	215
	Pass	4	150
	Pass Rate (%)	80%	70%

Table 6. MCQ August Results

Aug	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	6	227
	Pass	6	180
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	79%

3.2 Critical Essay Question (CEQ) Examination

The Critical Essay Question Examination (CEQ) was held in February and August 2024, and the ACT program achieved pass rates of 50% in February and 33% in August. A total of 10 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 7. CEQ February Results

February	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	4	207
	Pass	2	153
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	74%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	32
	Pass	-	17
	Pass Rate (%)	-	53%
	Total Assessments	4	239
	Pass	2	170
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	71%

Table 8. CEQ August Results

August	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	6	202
	Pass	2	129
	Pass Rate (%)	33%	64%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	29
	Pass	-	13
	Pass Rate (%)	-	45%
	Total Assessments	6	231
	Pass	2	142
	Pass Rate (%)	33%	61%

3.3 Modified Essay Question (MEQ) Examination

The Modified Essay Question Examination (MEQ) was held in February and August 2024. Pass rates for the ACT program were 63% in February and 50% in August. A total of 16 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 9. MEQ February Results

February	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	8	242
	Pass	5	153
	Pass Rate (%)	63%	63%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	34
	Pass	-	13
	Pass Rate (%)	-	38%
	Total Assessments	8	276
	Pass	5	166
	Pass Rate (%)	63%	60%

Table 10. MEQ August Results

August	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	8	287
	Pass	4	174
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	61%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	47
	Pass	-	16
	Pass Rate (%)	-	34%
	Total Assessments	8	334
	Pass	4	190
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	57%

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 ACT program achieving a 100% pass rate in both rounds. A total of 3 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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
Trainees	1	40
Successful	1	38
Unsuccessful	0	2
SIMGs	0	17
Successful	0	16
Unsuccessful	0	1
Overall	1	57
Successful	1	54
Unsuccessful	0	3

Table 12. CCA September 2024 Results

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
Trainees	1	95
Successful	1	94
Unsuccessful	0	1
SIMGs	1	19
Successful	1	16
Unsuccessful	0	3
Overall	2	114
Successful	2	110
Unsuccessful	0	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. A total of 9 submissions were assessed, and 60% passed the PWC in February, 100% in May and August and 50% in November.

Table 13. PWC February Results

February	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	5	90
	Pass	3	61
	Pass Rate (%)	60%	68%

Table 14. PWC May Results

May	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	1	119
	Pass	1	77
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	65%

Table 15. PWC August Results

August	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	1	95
	Pass	1	72
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	76%

Table 16. PWC November Results

November	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	2	131
	Pass	1	90
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	69%

3.6 Scholarly Project (SP)

a. Submission results

During the 2024 round of submissions, 4 Scholarly Projects from the ACT program were received. All submissions in March and July were awarded a pass, resulting in a 100% success rate. However, the submissions in November recorded failures.

Table 17. SP March Results

March	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	1	64
	Pass	1	52
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	81%

Table 18. SP Pass Rate by Project Type

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

Table 19. SP July Results – Assessments by Fellowship zone

July	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	1	63
	Pass	1	53
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	84%

Table 20. SP Pass Rate by Project Type

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

Table 21. SP November Results

November	ACT		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	2	118
	Pass	0	95
	Pass Rate (%)	0%	81%

Table 22. SP Pass Rate by Project Type

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

b. Proposals and exemptions

The RANZCP approved 7 SP proposals from the ACT program between January and December 2024. The most common project type received was the literature review (see Table 23).

Table 23. Approved SP proposals by Project Type

Project Type	Jan – Dec 2024
Case Series	1
Literature Review	4
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	2
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-
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 3 exemption applications and all were granted (see Table 24).

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Exemptions	3	103
Granted	3	96
Granted (%)	100%	93%

4. Specialist International Medical Graduates program enrolment

A total of one Specialist International Medical Graduate commenced a pathway to attain Fellowship of the RANZCP in ACT during the period from January to December 2024 (assessed as substantially comparable).

Table 26 shows the countries of qualifications assessed for the SIMGs in ACT.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Overall	1	98
Partially	-	65
Substantially	1	33

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

Country	Partially	Substantially	Overall
United Kingdom	-	1	1
Overall	-	1	1

5. Specialist International Medical Graduates numbers

Overall, the ACT currently has 3 active SIMG, 2 undertaking the partial comparability pathway and one under substantial comparability.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
SIMGs	3	180
Partially	2	146
Substantially	1	34

The distribution of SIMGs by gender is presented in Table 28.

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

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

6. New Fellows

Over the reporting period, the RANZCP announced the admission of 7 new College Fellows from the ACT program. 4 Trainees completed the training program pathway, and 3 completed the Specialist International Medical Graduate program.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Training program	4	223
2012 program	3	212
Transitioned	1	11
SIMG pathway	3	51
Partial	1	27
Substantial	2	24
Overall (a) + (b)	7	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 ACT program by gender is outlined in Table 30. The age range for these new fellows was 31 to 57 years.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Man	2	141
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	1
Prefer not to say	-	1
Woman	5	144

7. Certificates of Advanced Training

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

a. Enrolment

Table 31 provides a breakdown of enrolments into certificate courses in the ACT for the period January to December 2024.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Overall	8	222
Addiction	1	28
Adult	3	24
Child and Adolescent	2	52
Consultation-Liaison	-	36
Forensic	1	25
Old Age	-	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 ACT, and the details of Membership by location are shown in Table 33. A total of 17 advanced certificates are being completed by 16 people, with the most common certificates being Child and Adolescent, accounting for 29% of the total.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Overall	17	867
Addiction	1	128
Adult	3	59
Child and Adolescent	5	181
Consultation-Liaison	2	152
Forensic	1	84
Old Age	1	150
Psychotherapy	4	113

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Overall	16	821
Trainees	8	490
Fellows	8	331

c. Awards

During 2024, there were no Certificates of Advanced Training from the ACT approved by the Education Committee.

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

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Overall	0	146
Addiction	-	17
Adult	-	9
Child and Adolescent	-	46
Consultation-Liaison	-	26
Forensic	-	17
Old Age	-	22
Psychotherapy	-	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 ACT trainees in the STP program is shown in Table 36. The STP program funded in ACT a total of 4 FTE in MM locations during rotation 1, 2024, covered by 3 trainees.

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

	ACT	AUST
MM1	4	107.81
MM2	-	15.51
MM3	-	15.8
MM4	-	6.78
MM5	-	2.44
MM6	-	3.18
MM7	-	8.48
Overall	4	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

	ACT	AUST
STP trainees Rotation 1, 2023	3	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 the Specialist Training Program (STP) posts as 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 no trainees from ACT funded by the IRTP.

Table 37. Total Trainees funded by the IRTP program

	ACT	AUST
Trainees	-	36