

# Consultation—Liaison psychiatry – Certificate program

## Training requirements



*Trainees undertaking a Certificate of Advanced Training program and Stage 3 of the Fellowship Program concurrently must follow the requirements for both programs.*

This document provides a summary of the training requirements of the *Certificate of Advanced Training in Consultation—Liaison Psychiatry*. The requirements apply to both trainees and Fellows-in-training.

**Please note:** The requirements listed below were approved by the Subcommittee of Advanced Training in Consultation—Liaison Psychiatry (SATC—L) on 20 September 2015.

- Successful completion of 24 months\* Full Time Equivalent (FTE) training in accredited Consultation—Liaison psychiatry training posts. The following experiences can be achieved concurrently:
  - 12 months FTE attachment to a Consultation—Liaison service offering consultation across an entire general hospital including emergency work<sup>†</sup>
  - one or more liaison-style attachments to a unit providing medical or surgical treatment (at least 1 day per week FTE for at least 12 months)
  - an outpatient experience, including longitudinal follow-up of patients with chronic physical illness (at least 1 half-day per week FTE for at least 12 months).

\*Up to 12 months FTE can be spent in another clinical area of practice; prospective approval on a case-by-case basis from the DOAT is required. The DOAT may defer this decision to the SATC—L if required. Up to 12 months FTE of research or medical administration can be prospectively approved on a case-by-case basis by SATC—L. Any application would need to detail how the required Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) are to be completed.

<sup>†</sup>Trainees must not spend more than 30% of their time during standard work hours in an emergency department. 'Standard work hours' does not include after-hours or on-call work.
- Attainment of **eight** Stage 3 EPAs; two per 6-month rotation.
  - At least **four** Consultation—Liaison psychiatry EPAs are mandatory for Certificate completion.
  - Relevant EPAs from other areas of practice may be used to satisfy the remaining EPA requirements of the Certificate; prospective approval from the Director of Advanced Training is required.
  - *Stage 3 EPA rule reminder:* any Fellowship (FELL) EPAs may be attained in any area of practice rotation, e.g. ST3-ADD-FELL-EPA may be obtained whilst in a C—L rotation. Area of practice (AOP) EPAs can only be attained in the relevant area of practice rotations. E.g. ST3-POA-AOP-EPA6 may be attained in a psychiatry of old age rotation only.
  - A minimum of three WBAs are required to contribute to the evidence base for each required EPA.
- Completion of a mandatory minimum of one Observed Clinical Activity (OCA) WBA during each 6-month FTE clinical rotation.
  - This applies to all trainees including transitioning trainees and Fellows-in-training regardless of OCI pass.
  - The OCA will be recorded on the end-of-rotation In-Training Assessment (ITA) form.
  - This will satisfy the Fellowship OCA requirement for pre-Fellowship trainees.

- Completion of a formal Consultation–Liaison psychiatry teaching program (when such programs exist), approved by SATC–L.
  - SATC–L will recommend relevant, upcoming local and international scientific meetings, conferences, workshops, etc. that trainees will be encouraged to attend as part of the teaching program.
  - The teaching program can be undertaken while on a break in training depending on the arrangements with the course provider and with the employing health service, where relevant.
  
- Successful completion of a scholarly project; 3000-5000 words in length. [Summative assessment]
  - Projects must be submitted to the College will be marked by two members of SATC–L.
  - A Fellowship Scholarly Project which has received a passing grade can be submitted for review of the relevance of the topic to consultation–liaison psychiatry. This review will be conducted by one member of SATC–L. If the Fellowship Scholarly project is deemed to be relevant to consultation–liaison psychiatry, a further scholarly project will not be required for the Certificate of C–L.
  - A doctoral thesis, research Masters or Honours thesis or an article published within the past 10 years in a recognised, peer-reviewed English-language journal that has satisfied the Fellowship Scholarly Project exemption criteria may be used to fulfil this requirement if relevant to consultation–liaison psychiatry.
    - Theses and articles must be submitted to the College and will be considered by two members of SATC–L to ensure they are relevant to consultation–liaison psychiatry.
  - There is no fee payable for marking the projects for the Certificate program.
  
- Presentation of a scholarly project at a CPD-approved meeting or conference.
  - Trainees may be exempt from presentation of a scholarly project if they have had an article accepted for publication in a recognised peer-reviewed English-language journal relevant to consultation–liaison psychiatry approved by SATC–L, and have previously presented this article at a CPD-approved meeting or conference.
    - Trainees will be required to submit to SATC–L a letter confirming acceptance for presentation
  
- Completion of **20** case summaries. A case summary may be completed at any point during the Certificate program. It is recommended that 5 case summaries be completed per 6-month FTE clinical<sup>‡</sup> rotation.
  - Summaries of 300–500 words are required for each case and they should be discussed with, and signed off by, the principal supervisor.
  - Completed case summaries must be attached to the end-of-rotation ITA form.
  - To ensure adequate breadth of cases in training, trainees need to record cases where the main focus was:
    - emotions and behaviour
    - development and adaptation
    - somatisation
    - brain function and neuropsychiatry
    - special populations
    - emergency psychiatry
    - systems issues.

<sup>‡</sup>Trainees do not need to complete case summaries while undertaking prospectively approved research or medical administration.

- Completion of (formative) mid-rotation and (summative) end-of-rotation ITAs.
  - End-of-rotation ITA forms must be submitted within 60 days of the completion of each rotation.
- Submission of checklist & sign off.
  - To be signed by the trainee, DOAT and SATC–L Chair as declaration and confirmation that the trainee has satisfactorily completed the requirements of the Certificate training program.
  - For more information on the awarding of advance certificate process, please visit the [Certificates of Advanced Training mandatory requirements](#) section on the RANZCP website.

For trainees and Fellows who **transition from the 2003 training program**, please refer to the *Consultation–Liaison Psychiatry Certificate Program Transition Matrix* for the transition rules. It is a trainee’s/Fellow’s responsibility to be familiar with the requirements post-transition.

### Revision Record

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16/08/16	v1.2	SATC–L	Updated to include Stage 3 EPA rule reminder, clarify that no fee is required for C–L scholarly project submission and exemption may be granted for presenting a scholarly project at a CPD-approved event.
26/05/17	v1.3	CFT	Clarified the completion of 20 case summaries by end of certificate with no 6-monthly rotation minimums. Approved CFT 27/4/2017.
12/06/18	v1.4	SATC–L	Updated non-core clinical rotations are to be approved by the DOAT with SATC–L to consider when required.
09/05/19	v1.5	SATC–L	Addition to Scholarly Projects where they be submitted to the College will be marked by two members of SAT C–L and a Fellowship Scholarly Project which has received a passing grade can be submitted for review of the relevance of the topic to Consultation–Liaison psychiatry. This review will be conducted by one member of SAT C–L. If the Fellowship Scholarly project is deemed to be relevant to Consultation–Liaison psychiatry, a further Scholarly project will not be required for the Certificate of C–L.
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