

# Pre-Vocational General Practice Placements Program (PGPPP)



## General Practice rotations for junior doctors in Sydney & New England/Northwest NSW

GP Synergy is excited to announce there has been a significant expansion in the PGPPP program in NSW increasing the opportunities for junior doctors to experience general practice during their hospital training.

### What is PGPPP?

In the Prevocational General Practice Placements Program (PGPPP), junior doctors undertake a 10/11 week rotation in accredited GP training practices, practising independently under the supervision of experienced GP training supervisors in a safe and supported environment.

The placement is accredited like any other hospital term and the junior doctor remains the employee of the hospital for the duration of the placement.

During the placement, junior doctors receive individual guidance and support from experienced GPs, with weekly teaching sessions and participation in a tailored education program.

### Who manages and delivers the program?

The PGPPP program is administered by the same organisation that administers the vocational Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program, General Practice Education & Training. At the regional level, these programs are delivered by Regional Training Providers (RTPs).

GP Synergy is the second largest RTP in Australia, delivering General Practice education across the Sydney and the New England/Northwest area of NSW.

Our commitment to quality education and in-practice supervision is reflected in our highly regarded reputation by doctors across all stages of training. GP Synergy is fortunate to work with some of Australia's leading General Practitioners creating extensive networking opportunities for our trainees and invaluable learning opportunities.

### Where can I undertake a PGPPP rotation?

PGPPP placements are available in nearly all hospital networks in NSW.

GP Synergy manages placements in Sydney and the New England/Northwest region of NSW. Other placements might be available with other RTPs who share a network with GP Synergy.

**Network 1:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney.

**Network 2:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney.

**Network 4:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney.

**Network 5:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney.

**Network 6:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney & New England Northwest NSW

**Network 8:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney.

**Network 9:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in Sydney.

**Network 12:**  
GP Synergy offers placements in New England/Northwest NSW



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## Why should I consider doing a PGPPP rotation?

All junior doctors who have not yet enrolled in a specialty training program should consider a PGPPP rotation, even those not considering General Practice as a career!

For some a PGPPP rotation might affirm their decision to enter the profession, but for others it might offer invaluable insight into primary care, enhancing their clinical and consultative skills and future professional exploits.

### PGPPP benefits include:

- The opportunity to experience general practice in a real-life setting over and above that experienced in undergraduate training
- Exposure to treating a range of medicine and diverse clinical presentations and patients;
- Individual mentoring from experienced GP supervisors and access to quality teaching and resources for your professional development;
- Networking opportunities important for GP training applications and/or future practice as other healthcare professionals;
- Development of transferable, lifelong skills that you can take into any profession
- Increased understanding of the primary health care system and the role of GPs in the community



## What's it like in a PGPPP placement?

PGPPP rotations take place in GP practices which are already accredited to train GP registrars. This means PGPPP practices have lots of teaching experience, a passion and enthusiasm for education and PGPPP doctors will be able to meet and network with registrars currently in GP training.

Whilst PGPPP doctors consult independently, PGY2 doctors are required to consult the supervisor about management of all patients initially and then at a frequency determined between the supervisor and the PGPPP doctor. PGY1 doctors are required to consult the supervisor after each consultation.

During each week, PGPPP Doctors receive a minimum of 6 hours teaching, including 1 hour of structured teaching time. PGPPP Doctors also participate in a GP Synergy education program and continue to participate in their hospital based JMO education program wherever possible.

### My PGPPP Experience

Dr David Moore, currently undertaking a PGPPP placement in the Hornsby GP Unit

#### The best bit?

Learning the 'trade' of General Practice from experienced GP's is what I have enjoyed most about my PGPPP term.

#### The supervision?

I found supervision and teaching in the placement excellent.

#### Would you recommend it?

I would recommend a PGPPP placement to others and have done so!



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