

Core Term Guidelines Policy



Scope

This document outlines broad requirements for delivering core terms in intern training. The policy can be used for facilities to assess their core terms, and for accreditation visitors when assessing a core term provided by a facility. This document does not provide the specific requirements for core terms; it is to be used as guidance only.

Core terms

Completion of core terms during internship leads to general registration. General registration indicates that the practitioner has the skills, knowledge and experience to work as a safe entry level medical practitioner able to practise within the limits of their training.

Interns are required to perform satisfactorily under supervision in the following terms:

- Emergency
- Medicine
- Surgery

Purpose

The purpose of this framework is to ensure a consistent approach across the ACT Network for the accreditation of core terms. The core term requirements provide a foundation for the Canberra Region Medical Education (CRMEC) and its Accreditation Committee, accreditation visit teams and the facilities regarding the minimum knowledge, skills and experiences that an intern is expected to acquire during core terms.

The Australian Medical Council outlines national guidelines for intern terms:

http://www.amc.org.au/joomla-files/images/Accreditation/Intern_training-Guidelines_for_terms_2013_12_18.pdf

Core emergency medical care terms

A core emergency term provides experience in emergency medical care. This term must provide experience, under close supervision, in the assessment and management of patients with acute undifferentiated illnesses, including assessment and management of acutely ill patients. The Medical Board of Australia requires interns to **undertake a term of at least 8 weeks providing experience in emergency medical care**. Select general practices with exposure to emergency medicine may receive accreditation as a core emergency rotation. Not all general practice posts will meet these requirements.

Review the Australian Medical Council guidelines for full requirements for intern core emergency terms:

http://www.amc.org.au/joomla-files/images/Accreditation/Intern_training-Guidelines_for_terms_2013_12_18.pdf

Core medicine terms

A core medicine term provides experience in medicine. The Medical Board of Australia requires interns to **undertake a term of at least 10 weeks providing experience in medicine**.

This term must provide experience, under supervision, in caring for patients who have a broad range of medical conditions and opportunities for the intern to participate in the assessment and admission of patients

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with acute medical problems; the management of in-patients with a range of general medical conditions; discharge planning, including preparation of a discharge summary and other components of handover (e.g. to a general practitioner or a subacute or long term care facility, or ambulatory care). Approved terms will provide generalist medical experience and may be in medical units and some medical subspecialties, including general practice.

Review the Australian Medical Council guidelines for full requirements for intern core medicine terms:

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Core surgery terms

A core surgical term provides experience in surgery. The Medical Board of Australia requires interns to **undertake a term of at least 10 weeks providing experience in surgery**. This term must provide experience, under supervision, in caring for patients who have a broad range of acute and elective surgical conditions and/or who exhibit the common features of surgical illness including the metabolic response to trauma, infection, shock, and neoplasia. Approved terms will provide generalist experience in surgery and may be in general surgical units and some surgical subspecialties.

Review the Australian Medical Council guidelines for full requirements for intern core surgery terms:

http://www.amc.org.au/joomla-files/images/Accreditation/Intern_training-Guidelines_for_terms_2013_12_18.pdf

Version control

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