



**PGY3+ LCLHN  
Paediatric Medicine**

**Information Pack 2025 Clinical Year**

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## About the Limestone Coast Local Health Network

### Introduction

We invite you to become part of a collegiate, multidisciplinary Paediatric Medicine team consisting of Specialist Paediatricians, an RACP Advanced Trainee, salaried medical officers, visiting outpatient Paediatricians, and experienced nursing and allied health staff.

This full-year role meets the requirements for RACGP Additional Rural Skills Training (ARST) and ACRRM Advanced Specialised Training (AST), as well as the selection pre-requisites for both colleges.

This position is available to Postgraduate Year 3 and above (PGY3+).

This position is best undertaken as part of rural generalist training through either GP College. Preference is given to applicants committed to a career in rural practice within South Australia.

### Key Dates

Expressions of Interest open:	<b>Wednesday 12 June 2024 (09:00am)</b>
Expressions of Interest close:	<b>Wednesday 3 July 2024 (close at midnight)</b>
Referee reports close:	<b>Wednesday 10 July 2024</b>
Shortlisting commences:	Wednesday 31 July 2024
Interviews:	To be advised
Round 1 results available to applicants:	Thursday 19 September 2024 1 <sup>st</sup> preference matches only)
Round 2 results available to applicants <b>(excluding general training):</b>	Thursday 26 September 2024 2 <sup>nd</sup> or higher preference matches)
Round 3 results available to applicants <b>(excluding general training):</b>	Thursday 3 October 2024 (3 <sup>rd</sup> or higher preference matches)
Round 4 onwards <b>(including general training):</b>	Thursday 10 October 2024 4 <sup>th</sup> or higher preference matches)
Start date of Term 1 Clinical Year:	Monday 3 February 2025

## Number of positions in 2025 clinical year



## Limestone Coast Local Health Network (LCLHN)

### What LCLHN

Services available within the Limestone Coast Local Health Network are provided throughout the following locations:

- > Mount Gambier
- > Bordertown
- > Keith
- > Kingston / Robe
- > Lucindale
- > Millicent
- > Penola
- > Naracoorte

### Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service (MGDHS)

Limestone Coast residents have access to a wide range of health care services in a number of locations throughout the region. Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service is part of the Limestone Coast Local Health Network. Mount Gambier & Districts Health Service is the major regional health provider for the lower, mid and upper South East Regions with other facilities located nearby in Bordertown, Keith, Kingston, Lucindale, Millicent, Naracoorte and Penola. The catchment area also extends across the border into Western Victoria.

We provide **specialist led** services including:

- > Emergency Department
- > General Medicine
- > Surgery (General Surgery and Orthopaedics)
- > Obstetrics
- > Paediatric
- > Anaesthetic
- > Mental health services
- > Aboriginal health and community health

**The Mount Gambier Hospital services and facilities include:**

- > Emergency Department including two resuscitation rooms, fast track treatment areas, multiple treatment bays, an infectious isolation room and a separate paediatric area
- > 46 bed Medical Unit including rehabilitation beds
- > 36 bed Surgical Unit
- > 14 bed Level 4 Maternity Unit with 3 birthing suites
- > 2 cot Level 4 neonatal nursery
- > 6 bed Paediatric Unit
- > 6 bed High Dependency Unit
- > 6 bed Mental Health In-patient Unit
- > 11 Day Surgery Chairs
- > 4 Operating Theatres
- > 6 chair Chemotherapy Unit
- > 4 chair Renal Dialysis Unit
- > Outpatient Consulting Suite

**Co-located at the Hospital site are the following services:**

- > Benson Radiology
- > SA Pathology
- > SA Pharmacy
- > Country Health Connect (Community Allied Health Services)
- > South Australian Dental Services
- > South East Mental Health Services – inpatient, intermediate care and community-based care
- > Rehabilitation Service
- > Aboriginal Health Services – Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation (not co-sited but located nearby)

**What you can expect from LCLHN****What should employees expect from the role?**

In the Mount Gambier Hospital Paediatric Medicine Department, you will work with supervising Paediatricians, registrars and Junior Medical Officers in providing in and outpatient services. The role will involve some out of hours and on-call work, supervised by a consultant. You will gain experience in Stabilisation of the sick child, common Paediatric conditions, Neonatal resuscitation (NALS)/stabilisation and common Neonatal problems. You will also have exposure to Child Developmental Paediatrics and Neurodiverse conditions such as Autism and ADHD.

**Will I be based at Mount Gambier all year? Will I be expected to travel to other country locations?**

You will be based in Mount Gambier for the full year.

**What are the key outcomes of the program?**

The aim of this program is to provide trainees with sufficient clinical experience and supervision support to meet the requirements of the ARST/AST in Paediatrics

**What are the hours of work and overtime?**

This position requires a commitment of 76 hours per fortnight. Participation in the out of hours paediatrics on-call roster is required.

**What education is provided?**

The unit has a strong learning focus with weekly small group learning tutorials as well as more formal training.

**How will supervision be provided? Will this vary from rotation to rotation?**

Each day the trainee will work with a nominated supervisor who will provide direct clinical supervision. Overall term supervision is provided by the Head of Unit.

**What other support is provided?**

The Medical Education Unit have an open-door policy where trainees are welcome to discuss any issues or concerns.

**Will the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?**

The trainee will work on a team including Consultants, Nursing staff, Allied Health, Registrars and Resident Medical Officers

**What pathways are there after the year is completed?**

Trainees are encouraged to view this position as a step in their pathway to providing Rural Generalist services to a community in rural South Australia.

This position can articulate with other local options such as:

- > ACRRM and RACGP General Practice training
- > Other local training positions including AST/ARST in Emergency Medicine, General Medicine and O&G.

## Selection into Limestone Coast Paediatric Medicine Program

### About the selection panel

The selection panel for this position usually includes the General Paediatrics Head of Unit or their nominated proxy, a member of the hospital administration team, and another general staff member.

### Eligibility

Candidates currently PGY2 and above who are enrolled in Rural Generalist or GP Training with either ACRRM or RACGP are eligible to apply for this role. Candidates must have Australian Working Rights to be eligible to apply. Candidates must be available to work commencing on 3 February 2025.

### Skills and knowledge required for the role

Prerequisite Paediatric medicine knowledge at PGY3 level is assumed.

## Selection Process

### Our approach to selection

At a minimum the selection process will involve assessing your:

- > Curriculum Vitae.
- > Answers to Expression of Interest short answer questions.
- > Referee reports.
- > Appropriate completion and submission of required documentation
- > An interview.

All Expressions of Interest will be scored/ranked for shortlisting. Eligible applicants will be shortlisted for interview. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a face-to-face or video conference interview.

SAMET will match the highest ranked candidate to this position.

### Your Expression of Interest

Your Expression of Interest must include:

- > An Expression of Interest addressing the selection criteria (see below).
- > A Curriculum Vitae.
- > Contact details from two referees in Australia who have worked with you in a clinical setting.

### Curriculum Vitae

Curriculum Vitae should include:

- > Contact details including email and mobile phone number.
- > Qualifications and academic achievements.

- > Clinical achievements:
  - All jobs / clinical placements since commencing medical school.
  - Any rural clinical experiences since commencing medical school.
- > Activities which demonstrate your interest in and commitment to rural practice

### Cover letter

Not required

### Other Expression of Interest questions

You will be required to answer the following question in the Expression of Interest form:

- > *In no more than 500 words, describe your experience relevant to and interest in rural generalist practice.*

### Interview

Applicants who are shortlisted for an interview will be notified by phone and/or email.

The intention of the interview is to ensure that the applicant selected is the best fit for the role. The interview is likely to include an invitation to describe previous experiences and some scenario-based questions with the aim to evaluate candidates against selection criteria which include:

- > *Demonstrated ability to thrive in the rural context.*
- > *Highly effective communication and collaboration skills in the clinical setting*



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I am unsure about moving to the country. Can I visit to look at the facilities prior to finalising my preferences?**

We would encourage you to visit our beautiful city and enjoy the rural hospitality. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we can facilitate this, for example, with a tour of the hospital and Flinders University Rural Health SA, and point you in the direction of the sights, good food and entertainment.

Mount Gambier is the second most populated city in South Australia. It is located 17 kms from the Victorian border and lies approximately halfway between both Adelaide and Melbourne making metropolitan adventures easily accessible.

Striking the ideal balance between the vibrant lifestyle of the big city and comforts of a small town. In the heart of the Limestone Coast surrounded by signature wine region boasting social experiences including cellar door, picnics, tours and multiple food and wine festivals throughout the year.

Mount Gambier is the perfect base for exploration of the unique landscape and the natural beauty of our region– be it our iconic blue lake, our many caves, sinkholes, parks and beaches. Mount Gambier offers opportunity for diverse recreational activities including diving, fishing and water sports. For the elite or casual sporting enthusiast Mount Gambier also offers a strong team sport and athletic culture.

### **Will accommodation be provided?**

You will need to arrange your own accommodation. Real estate agents can assist you with this. You will find rentals very affordable compared with the metropolitan area. The median price is \$300-400 per week.

### **Will I be supported with relocation expenses?**

We appreciate that moving house can put a strain on your finances, particularly prior to starting your new job. Please contact us to discuss the relocation support which may be available and the documentation you will be required to provide.

### **Will I need my own transport?**

It is easy to get around Mount Gambier as most locations are only 3-8 minutes away by car, 10-15 minutes by bicycle. There is a limited public transport system (bus) which runs primarily between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Private transport is recommended to allow you to explore our beautiful region.

### **Do I need to arrange for a carpark?**

The good news is that parking in all of Mount Gambier is free of charge. There is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

### **Can I get decent coffee and food in Mount Gambier?**

Mount Gambier has a wide range of cuisines and fantastic coffee on offer. There are also several farmers and craft markets operating regularly throughout the South East along with the premium wine region of the Coonawarra to explore. The hospital has a café on site with variety of food and coffee options.

**Can I get my cultural fix of theatre, music and cinema?**

Absolutely!

No matter what your interests, the Limestone Coast has you covered. There are a range of food and wine festivals in our wine regions, the Fringe and the various art/music festivals, street parties, market days, surfing competitions and various cycling and golf events. Not to mention Mount Gambier is also the home of the Generations in Jazz.

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre is a fully equipped multi-purpose arts centre in the heart of Mount Gambier, accommodating a range of theatre, conferences, performing arts, film screening, seminars, music events. While the Riddoch Art Gallery is the largest SA Regional Gallery.

The benefits of being approximately halfway between both Adelaide and Melbourne making metropolitan adventures easily accessible.

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### LCLHN

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### Role Description

View Role Description [here](#)

### Any further questions?

**SA Health Salaried Medical Officers Enterprise Agreement 2022** [here](#)

**Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registration standards** [here](#)

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