

The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) is the only organisation accredited to train and assess dermatologists in Australia. The process to become a dermatologist is outlined below:

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL EDUCATION

The first step is to complete a medical degree registrable in Australia. For details of registration requirements for medical studies undertaken outside of Australia, contact the Australian Medical Council at www.amc.org.au



POST-UNIVERSITY MEDICAL EXPERIENCE

Have completed or be likely to satisfactorily complete a minimum of 2 years of acceptable postgraduate training. Acceptable training is defined as accredited PGY 1 and PGY 2 years with a broad exposure to a variety of disciplines, preferably including terms in general medicine and general surgery.



SELECTED INTO THE ACD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Australasian College of Dermatologists selects into its training program applicants who best demonstrate that they have the skills, abilities, competencies and personal qualities that will allow them to achieve the learning outcomes of the training program. Dermatology is a highly sought after speciality. As a consequence, selection for the limited positions is very competitive.



COMPLETE THE 4 YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM

Once accepted into the program Trainees must complete 4 years of defined clinical and educational experience in accredited training positions and pass a series of assessments. Full details of the training program can be found in the Training Program Handbook which can be downloaded from this site.



FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATIONS AND FACD

Trainees must be eligible to sit and pass the Fellowship examination within the prescribed time period to become a Fellow of the College.

Please note that the program is open only to registered medical practitioners who have resident status in Australia. Accredited Training Positions are available in NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA (not all states have positions available each year).