

## RESP Programs Guideline

The Rural Emergency Skills Program (RESP) has been SA's rural GPs' centrepiece emergency skills education program for 20 years.

Continuous evolution and expansion of RESP has ensured it remains at the forefront of clinical emergency education for rural GPs, GP obstetricians and GP anaesthetists in SA.

The program has been developed specifically for SA's rural GPs, with their education needs at its heart, always.

More than 2,000 GP participants have consistently rated their satisfaction with RESP's educational content and delivery methods at higher than 9 out of 10 (average 93%.)

SA's regional Local Health Networks, through the Rural Support Service (RSS), fund RDWA to provide the suite of RESP programs to resident rural GPs. Our education partner, LearnEM delivers the two-day program from their purpose built facility in Hindmarsh. Learn EM's highly-skilled multi-disciplinary education teams consistently deliver great training and education to rural GPs and GP proceduralists.

RESP comprises five key programs:

- RESP Critical Care
- RESP Paediatrics
- For GP Obstetricians – RESP Obstetrics (plus FSEP delivered by RANZCOG);
- For GP Anaesthetists – RESP Anaesthetics; and
- GP Anaesthetists Peer Review Program.

This year, between July and December 2022, we will be running 6 RESP courses - two RESP Critical Care, two RESP Paediatrics and two procedural - one RESP Obstetrics and one RESP Anaesthetics. The Foetal Surveillance Education Program (FSEP) will be available at no cost to eligible GP Obstetricians as a stand-alone course or in conjunction with the RESP Obstetrics course in October 2022. FSEP is offered by RDWA once in the 2022-23 financial year.

For detailed learning outcomes and teaching methods for each program, please refer to the relevant web page, or contact RDWA's Education Services team for details.

RESP Critical Care, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Anaesthetics courses are all accredited professional development activities – PDP accredited activity (2020-22) Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and CPD accredited activity, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (40 points).

The GP Anaesthetists Peer Review Program is an ongoing program and applications can be made throughout the year.

### Eligibility

Rural GPs who are actively participating in the local hospital on-call emergency roster can apply for a place on a RESP course. Actively participating in the local on-call roster is defined by the RSS as having a regular and ongoing commitment to an LHN's hospital after-hours accident and emergency; obstetrics on-call or anaesthetics on-call rosters.

Rural GP registrars who are already participating, or seeking credentialling to participate, in the local on-call roster can apply for a place on a course.

### ***RESP Paediatrics***

To be eligible for RESP Paediatrics, successful participation in a RESP Critical Care program in the last two years is a pre-requisite.

### ***RESP Obstetrics***

Rural GPs who are actively participating in the local hospital on-call obstetrics roster can apply for a place on a RESP Obstetrics course. RESP Anaesthetics

Rural GPs who are actively participating in the local hospital on-call anaesthetics roster can apply for a place on a RESP Anaesthetics course.

GP obstetricians who are offered a place on a RESP Obstetrics program may also apply for a RESP Critical Care course. It is generally understood that RESP Anaesthetics is the appropriate RESP for GP Anaesthetists.

Where there is a higher number of applications for courses than available places, RDWA will assess all applications and give priority to eligible Rural GPs and GP registrars who:

- are living in a rural SA location (MMM2-7)
- have not participated in a RESP course in the last two financial years (that is, from 1 July 2020).

### **Application Process**

RDWA will open two application rounds for RESP workshops during May and August 2022. Applications will be made via an online process where eligible rural GPs and rural GP registrars provide their eligibility details and nominate their preferred RESP course. Applications will be assessed for eligibility and if there are a greater number of applications for places than available places, priority will be assessed according to the criteria listed in the Eligibility section above.

Invitations to apply will be emailed directly to all rural GPs and rural GP registrars who have an email address recorded with RDWA and the rounds will be promoted widely through RDWA's weekly email news, e-news.

For the GP Anaesthetists Peer Review Program, applications remain open and are assessed for eligibility and applicants are advised next steps.

If you wish to subscribe to our e-news and / or ask RDWA to add your email to the direct marketing process, please email [ruraldoc@ruraldoc.com.au](mailto:ruraldoc@ruraldoc.com.au) or contact our marketing staff on 08 8234 8277.

### ***Application Round One***

This round will be for the following courses:

1. RESP Paediatrics: Friday, 8 July 2022 - Saturday, 9 July 2022
2. RESP Critical Care: Friday, 19 August 2022 - Saturday, 20 August 2022
3. RESP Anaesthetics: Friday, 2 September 2022 - Saturday, 3 September 2022
4. RESP Critical Care: Friday, 9 September 2022 - Saturday, 10 September 2022

## ***Application Round Two***

This round will be for the following courses:

1. FSEP: Thursday, 13 October 2022
2. RESP Obstetrics: Friday, 14 October 2022 - Saturday, 15 October 2022
3. RESP Paediatrics: Friday, 11 November 2022 - Saturday, 12 November 2022
4. RESP Anaesthetics: Friday, 2 December 2022 - Saturday, 3 December 2022

When applying for a place, you will be asked to provide detail about your GP practice location and how much on-call you are currently rostered for at the local hospital, and the name of the town in which you live.

You must be participating in the emergency on-call roster in a formal arrangement with the regional LHN (or applying for credentialling to do so) to be eligible to be considered for a place on a course.

RDWA will verify your participation on the local on-call roster with the relevant regional LHN as part of the assessment process. RDWA will also verify past participation in RESP using RDWA's records.

### **Your responsibilities**

When you are offered a place on a RESP course, prior to accepting the offer, you will be asked to agree to participate fully in the program, which includes:

- Complete up to ten on-line learning modules (depending on the Program)
- Attend the two-day hands-on assessed workshop at Hindmarsh
- Complete any post workshop requirements.

If your circumstances change and you can no longer attend a course, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible to enable us to offer the place to another rural GP or GP registrar.

If you have any questions about RESP, please talk to our staff. You can contact us at [RESP@ruraldoc.com.au](mailto:RESP@ruraldoc.com.au) or call 08 8234 8277.