



Accreditation Requirements

General Practice is a very busy place and juggling staff training for accreditation and the business of seeing patients is difficult. So what training is required for general practice and what are the options for completing this training?

- **GPs** – RACGP states that apart from other CPD requirements for Category 1 points, GPs must complete a compulsory Category 2 CPR course (5 points) in the triennium. ACRRM GPs need ALS. Accreditors will like to see evidence of CPR training in the last 2 years.
- **Practice Nurses** – apart from their own CPD requirements through AHPRA, nurse immunizers must update their CPR training every 12 months to remain accredited. Accreditors will like to see evidence of CPR training in the last 2 years.
- **Practice Staff** – whilst practice staff have no professional development requirements, the RACGP General Practice Standards do have requirements. (Standards for General Practice 4th Edition Section 3.2 Criterion 3.2.3.- Training of Administration Staff - “Administration staff are required to have CPR training at least every 3 years...CPR training should be conducted on a more frequent basis, preferably annually”. Also the RACGP states, “From a risk management perspective, it is particularly important that the relevant non-clinical staff receive triage training in order to recognize medical emergencies and prioritise appointments for patients with urgent clinical needs.” Accreditors will like to see evidence of CPR and triage training in the last 2 years.

There are several options to ensure staff have appropriate and high quality training. Your local Primary Health Network (PHN - the organisations that have replaced Divisions of General Practice and later Medicare Locals) has been tasked with co-ordinating the support of general practices. Part of this support is training, so one option is to contact your local PHN and see what CPD events they have scheduled or are planning in your area. Sometimes it is not practical or efficient to send staff away to a PHN event so the other option is to contact a provider like Medics for Life who can run events at your practice at a time that suits your staff, including after hours and weekends. Medics for Life provide a range of workshops and are RACGP and ACRRM accredited with over 30 years of experience.

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