

2023 Geriatric Medicine Advanced Trainee Position Description

Position Title	Geriatric Medicine Advanced Trainee Fellow in Geriatric Medicine
Employment Type	Fixed-term, full time Fixed term, part time
Reports to	Unit Geriatrician, HOU Geriatric Medicine
Division	Aged, Cancer and Continuing Care

About Western Health

Western Health is a rapidly growing tertiary level health service that provides clinical services across the acute, subacute and community sectors.

Our services comprise of four acute public hospitals: Footscray Hospital, Sunshine Hospital (including Joan Kirner Women's and Children's), Williamstown Hospital and Bacchus Marsh & Melton Hospital. We also operate Sunbury Day Hospital, Hazeldean Transition Care, Grant Lodge Residential Aged Care, as well as community health centres in Melton, Caroline Springs and Bacchus Marsh and a range of community-based services. Services are provided to the western region of Melbourne which has a population of approximately 800,000 people.

Western Health's values are:

Compassion consistently acting with empathy and integrity

Accountability empowering our staff to serve our community

Respect for the rights, beliefs and choice of every individual

Excellence inspiring and motivating, innovation and achievement

Safety working in an open, honest and safe environment

About the WH Geriatric Medicine Department

Western Health endeavors to tailor its training program in Geriatric Medicine to the needs of its community as well as the needs and interests of individual registrars, including those working part time. Western Health is a major partner in the Western Training Alliance of the Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program (VGMP), together with Melbourne Health, Barwon Health and Ballarat Health.

The Geriatric Medicine Department is a highly respected department within WH. We are involved in all points of care in a patient's journey – with a Geriatrician in ED model of care, 5 AAC units, 3 OGS units, 6 subacute wards, and multiple community services, specialist clinics and rapid access clinics. We have strong working relationships with all other departments, and are involved in establishing several innovative models of care. We are a large department of 24 Consultant Geriatricians who are passionate about providing best care to our patients, and providing an excellent training experience for our Registrars.

Western Health offers trainees exposure to a comprehensive range of clinical services, including:

- A large Acute Aged Care program;
- Orthogeriatrics service;
- Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) units across Footscray, Sunshine and Williamstown hospitals;
- Cardiogeriatrics service;

- Dementia Management Unit;
- Rehabilitation;
- Transitional Care;
- Specialty clinics, including Movement Disorders, Falls and Mobility, Falls and Fractures, Wound, Urodynamics and CDAMS
- Community-based care including HARP, Rapid Access Clinics, GEM@home, Residential Aged Care Liaison and Rural assessments.

In addition there is a rotation to Aged Person's Mental Health associated with North West Mental Health for Old Age Psychiatry inpatient care.

There is also an extensive education program. Trainees attend the fortnightly state-wide VGMTP sessions, a local program tailored to the needs of Western Alliance trainees and various other local training activities including those expected in a teaching hospital. Supportive senior medical staff supervise all aspects of training, and the Western Alliance Fellow in Geriatric Medicine is based at Western Health.

Western Health has a clinical school affiliation with the University of Melbourne.

About the Geriatric Medicine Registrar Role

In 2023 there will be roles available for the Western Training Alliance Fellow in Geriatric Medicine and 14 full-time equivalent Advanced Training positions (both first year and continuing). We welcome applicants who seek part-time training, noting that having a partner to job share with is ideal.

We also employ an unaccredited Registrar who provides leave cover for the AT's.

Rotations are 3 x 4 months. We tailor these rotations to the trainee, to offer a broad training experience, but also to ensure outstanding training needs, especially in the final year, are met.

All appointments will be made through the PMCV centralised match for Advanced Trainees in Geriatric Medicine in Victoria.

Applicants will need to apply both to the PMCV centralised match **and** to Western Health, via <https://westernhealth.mercury.com.au>

Please visit <https://www.vgmtp.org/centralised-match.html> for more details.

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