



# DRANZCOG Advanced

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## Overview

The DRANZCOG Advanced is designed for medical practitioners who have gained skills in obstetrics through the basic Diploma and who wish to develop them to a level that will enable them to safely undertake complex deliveries, advanced gynaecological procedures and perform basic early and late pregnancy ultrasound scanning.

DRANZCOG Advanced-specific skills are developed during compulsory hospital-based training that must be prospectively approved.

## Content

The DRANZCOG Advanced consists of the following three curriculum areas:

- **DRAV1 Advanced Obstetrics:** caesarean delivery, perform instrumental delivery (vacuum and forceps), repair of perineal tears.
- **DRAV2 Advanced Gynaecology:** basic pelvic laparotomy, hysteroscopy, miscarriage, termination.
- **DRAV3 Ultrasound:** transvaginal and transabdominal first trimester scanning, late pregnancy scanning.

The DRANZCOG Advanced may be undertaken either in conjunction with the DRANZCOG, or by those who already hold the DRANZCOG and have been involved in recent obstetrics practice.

For those undertaking the DRANZCOG and the DRANZCOG Advanced concurrently, training and assessment requirements for both must be met in order to obtain the DRANZCOG Advanced.

Those who already hold the DRANZCOG must provide documentation to the RANZCOG, including evidence of recent obstetrics practice, in order for DRANZCOG Advanced training to be prospectively approved.

## Eligibility

Prospective DRANZCOG Advanced trainees must hold a primary degree in Medicine and Surgery issued by a medical school listed in the WHO Publication World Directory of Medical Schools.

They must also be registered with the Medical Board of Australia. Trainees must occupy accredited DRANZCOG Advanced training posts and be in their second or subsequent postgraduate year.



## Training

DRANZCOG Advanced training involves full or part-time hospital-based training for doctors who have secured a position in a training hospital accredited by the RANZCOG for DRANZCOG Advanced training.

Trainees who are undertaking the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced concurrently may undertake some training and assessment requirements outside the hospital setting (e.g. private rooms or clinics).

**NB: All training must be prospectively approved by RANZCOG.**

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## Training Supervisors

Trainees must have two Training Supervisors, both of whom must hold either the DRANZCOG Advanced or Fellowship of the RANZCOG.

At least one of the Training Supervisors must be in active obstetric practice in the hospital where the trainee is undertaking DRANZCOG Advanced training.

One Training Supervisor may be located remotely provided he/she is in regular telephone and/or email contact with the trainee and with the on-site Training Supervisor, regularly sights the trainee logbook via email, and is involved in regular case discussions with the trainee and the on-site Training Supervisor. Remote supervision must be prospectively approved by RANZCOG.

## Training timeframes

Trainees will generally complete a minimum of 12 months of training, which must be prospectively approved.

Trainees commencing concurrent DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced training on or after the 1st April 2016 must meet all training and assessment requirements within four years of commencement of training.

## Online modules

The RANZCOG Women's Health online modules provide learners with a readily accessible and comprehensive suite of resources and guided learning tasks.

Modules are mapped to the curriculum with clearly stated learning outcomes and may be completed sequentially or non-sequentially at the learner's own pace, according to their learning needs.

Trainees are expected to complete the online modules as part of their training.

## Completion requirements

To be awarded the DRANZCOG Advanced, trainees must satisfactorily complete:

- all the requirements of the DRANZCOG;
- DRANZCOG Advanced logbook requirements;
- the nine DRANZCOG Advanced Workplace-based Assessments (paper-based assessments of clinical skills); and
- five written case syntheses based on a range of obstetric conditions.
- the DRANZCOG Advanced Oral Examination if the trainee did not complete the DRANZCOG Oral Examination.

## Recertification requirements

The DRANZCOG Advanced is a re-certifiable and time-limited qualification. It is initially granted for a period of time that is aligned to the RACGP Quality Improvement and Continuing Professional Development (QI&CPD) Program and the ACRRM Professional Development (PD) Program.

Recertification occurs every three years thereafter. This recertification is contingent on the DRANZCOG Advanced holder accruing points in the RACGP QI&CPD or ACRRM PD Programs.

On receipt of the annual subscription fee, DRANZCOG Advanced holders will be listed on the DRANZCOG Advanced Register and be sent copies of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, and also *O&G Magazine*.

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## For further information

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