There are various steps involved in obtaining Fellowship of a recognised GP College in Australia. This flowchart describes the different options and steps involved.
**2 GP COLLEGES**

- **RACGP**
  - The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- **ACRRM**
  - The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine

**3 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

- **GP Training Program (GPET)**
- **Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS)**
- **Practice Eligible Route (RACGP)**
- **Independent Pathway (ACRRM)**

**3 STEPS TO FELLOWSHIP**

**COMPLETE TRAINING PROGRAM AND ALL REQUIRED EXPERIENCE**
- Complete all components of the RACGP or ACRRM training program through GPET.
- Complete all components of the RACGP or ACRRM training program through RVTS.
- For RACGP: complete a total of five years recognised general practice experience including one year’s recognised general practice experience in Australia.
- For ACRRM: complete 12 months core clinical training, 24 months rural and remote training and a minimum of 12 months advanced specialist training, or achieve recognition of prior learning equivalent to these training requirements.

**QUALIFY FOR ASSESSMENT**
- Both Colleges require candidates to have completed specified components of their training program, or to have obtained a minimum amount of approved clinical experience, before attempting any assessment tasks.
- RACGP Registrars must have completed a minimum of eight active units of training through the Australian General Practice Training Program.
- Doctors on the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RACGP or ACRRM program) must have completed a minimum of twelve months training.
- Doctors on the Practice Eligible Route to FRACGP require a minimum of four years recognised general practice experience, including a minimum of one year’s approved general practice experience in Australia.
- ACRRM requires candidates to have completed or received recognition of prior learning (RPL) equivalent to a minimum of 24 months experience to sit MCQ and multi-source feedback and 12 months to sit Case Based Discussion and StAMPS.

**PASS ALL COMPONENTS OF ASSESSMENT**
- All three components of the RACGP examination.
- All five components of ACRRM’s summative assessment tasks: the procedural skills logbook, multi-source feedback, Case Based Discussion, the multiple choice examination and the StAMPS examination, plus Assessment for chosen Advanced Specialised Training Option.

**COMPLETING THE THREE STEPS TO FELLOWSHIP MEANS YOU HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP OF THE RACGP OR ACRRM. IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE FELLOWSHIP OR RECOGNITION AS A GP.**

**STEPS TO OBTAIN FELLOWSHIP**

**RACGP**
1. Submit ‘Application for Fellowship’ form to the RACGP with all relevant documentation including evidence of having completed all requisite training and experience.
2. Receive letter confirming eligibility for FRACGP (approximately 8 weeks). Diploma will be sent later.

**ACRRM**
1. Submit ‘Completion of Training’ form to your Regional Training Organisation or RVTS for AGPT programs or the College for Independent Pathway with evidence of having completed the requisite training and/or experience, and all assessment tasks. Candidate’s logbook, course certificates and referee reports will also be required.
2. Receive Fellowship in the mail (approximately 8 weeks).

**STEPS TO NOTIFYING MEDICARE OF FELLOWSHIP TO ACCESS GENERAL PRACTITIONER REBATES**

**RACGP**
1. Submit ‘Application for recognition as a General Practitioner’ to Medicare Australia with a copy of the RACGP letter confirming eligibility for Fellowship.
2. Doctor’s name will be added to Medicare Australia’s list of RACGP Fellows.
3. Receive notification from Medicare Australia of inclusion on their list of RACGP Fellows, and eligibility to access ‘general practitioner’ items in the MBS.

**ACRRM**
1. Submit ‘Application for recognition as a General Practitioner’ form to ACRRM.
2. Approved form will be forwarded to Medicare Australia by ACRRM.
3. Doctor’s name will be added to Medicare Australia’s list of ACRRM Fellows.
4. Receive notification from Medicare Australia of inclusion on their list of ACRRM Fellows, and eligibility to access ‘General Practitioner’ items in the MBS.