

# DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

## For RACGP members

For more information and to apply, please visit the [RACGP AOD GP Education Program Website](#).

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Australian Government has announced an education package and training grants for GPs to improve support and increase resources available to GPs to treat drug and alcohol use. The RACGP has received funding to administer education under this package.

The RACGP AOD Education program includes Essential Skill training, Treatment Skills training and Advanced Skills Training. GP's can enter at any level and will need to meet program eligibility requirements including being a RACGP member and currently treating patients in the community. Note: priority will be given to GPs practising in rural and remote regions. GPs in other areas may also apply if they are a GP supervisor, treat patients from areas of socioeconomic disadvantage or at-risk groups. At risk groups include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTQI communities, people in the justice system or custodial services, people experiencing homelessness, veterans or people with experience of trauma.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING	TREATMENT SKILLS TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5 hrs self-directed online</li> <li>• 5 RACGP CPD points</li> <li>• No associated payment</li> </ul> <p>Essential Skills Training provides a core skills update for GPs wanting to improve their approach to conversations about alcohol and drug use, identify at-risk groups and safely and effectively manage difficult patient behaviours that can arise during GP consults.</p> <p><b>This education is now freely available online to all RACGP members via <i>gplearning</i>.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 hrs</li> <li>• 40 RACGP CPD points</li> <li>• \$1,200 incentive payment</li> </ul> <p>2 OPTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) AOD Live (3 x 90 mins workshops) OR</li> <li>2) Self-directed learning modules via <i>gplearning</i></li> </ol> <p>Treatment Skills Training is designed for GPs who would like to build on their core AOD skills and enhance their ability to engage in safe, open and effective dialogue with patients about their alcohol and drug use, gain their patient's confidence, assess patient readiness for change and determine an appropriate treatment plan.</p> <p><b>Applications close April 2021.</b> 1,800 places available</p>

### Other available training and support:

**Advanced Skills training-** Advanced Skills Training is a personalised learning program for GPs wanting to enhance the AOD skills to address the AOD needs of their local community involving 20 hours of CPD. *Registrations are not currently open.*

**AOD Connect – Project ECHO-** Free weekly small group online case discussions, led by addiction medicine specialists and other care team members are available to support GP's to learn from each other. Occurring Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm AEST.

#### Other useful Resources

- Drug and Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service (DASAS) Ph: 1800 023 687
- **HealthPathways** South Eastern Sydney LHD- [Here](#)
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