

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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How many trainees are accepted per annum?

We have training places for 22 doctors this year with the scheme.

- 13 places in the Tullamore teaching area
- 9 places in the Naas teaching area

How do I get on the Mid Leinster Specialist Training Scheme in G.P.?

Please check on www.icgp.ie for further information regarding the recruitment process

What preparation should I make?

Applicants are selected on the basis of pre-set ICGP criteria that include qualifications, relevant experience and commitment to general practice. Good preparation would include seeing general practice first hand so as to gain as much exposure as possible. Reading of appropriate G.P. material is also useful. This is a national process conducted by the ICGP and will be updated on the ICGP website.

Should I give you a 1st or 2nd preference?

Successful applicants are appointed to the teaching centre on the basis of their ranking following national selection process.

If I have some posts completed before I join the Scheme, do I have to repeat these posts on the scheme?

Yes. The Scheme is a 4-year schedule of sequential experience which does not lend itself to changes. However, some candidates may fit the Criteria for RPL (recognition to prior learning), details of their process on the ICGP website or contact the ICGP directly.

Does the Mid Leinster Specialist Training Scheme only take SHO's?

No. Doctors of all experience have been appointed in the past, including Interns, SHO's and Registrars.

What are my chances of getting on a G.P. scheme?

MID LEINSTER SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAMME IN GENERAL PRACTICE

There are currently **22 places this year in the Mid Leinster scheme** and approximately 200+ places in the 14 schemes nationally.

Why the Midlands / Mid Leinster?

Geographically the Midlands is centrally located and major cities are within easy driving reach. The range of hospital posts utilized are appropriate to G.P. Training - A&E in Tullamore, Mullingar and Naas hospitals, ENT in Tullamore hospital, Medicine in Tullamore, Mullingar, Portlaoise and Naas Hospitals, Obs & Gynae in Mullingar and Portlaoise Hospitals, Paediatrics in Mullingar, Portlaoise, Ballinasloe and Tallaght hospitals and Psychiatry St. Fintan's Portlaoise, St. Loman's Mullingar and Naas Hospital. The training practices offer a range of experiences, both urban and rural. The release course take place on Wednesday or Thursdays depending on the site you are place on at the start of your training. In line with ICGP Curriculum the scheme encourage trainee centered learning as the main focus for Day Release and supported by an experienced facilitator.

GP Trainers on the scheme are located in the Midland's area, including Longford, Westmeath, Laois, Offaly, Kildare, Carlow, Dublin and Wicklow.