ASPIRE PROGRAM

Applied Surgical Pathway in Rural Environments

Government of **Western Australia**
WA Country Health Service

ASPIRE is a two year program for WACHS junior doctors (PGY3+) who are interested in pursuing a career as a Rural General Surgeon.

Upon completion of the program candidates will be well placed to apply for the General Surgical Training Program with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS).

Successful applicants will be provided with a two year employment contract with WACHS, commencing as a RMO and progressing to a Registrar, subject to satisfactory performance. Candidates will rotate between Albany Health Campus and Bunbury Hospital, gaining essential experience across the below surgical departments.

ASPIRE Year 1 Resident Medical Officer (RMO) based at Albany Health Campus and/or Bunbury Hospital
Rotations may include: General Surgery, Emergency, ENT/ Urology, Orthopaedics and Critical Care
ASPIRE Year 2 Registrar based at Albany Health Campus and/or Bunbury Hospital
Rotations include: Service Surgical Registrar within General Surgery Department

Candidates will be eligible to apply for assistance with relocation, accommodation and professional development

Applying for ASPIRE in 2024

- Applicants must complete and submit an application via MedJobsWA. Applications **open Friday 31 March 2023** and **close Monday 17 April 2023**.
- The doctor's CV and application will be assessed against the selection criteria by the selection panel. Interviews may be conducted.
- Please note: applicants are applying for entry into the ASPIRE program. Successful entry to the program will include employment with WACHS for the duration of the program.

Essential Selection Criteria

1. Must hold unrestricted general registration with the Medical Board of Australia prior to commencement in the program.
2. Demonstrated clinical experience for a minimum of 2 years in Australia or a competent authority.
3. Demonstrated commitment to working in a rural setting, with a strong interest in pursuing a rural surgical career.
4. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with patients, families, carers, colleagues and others involved in health services to provide high quality health care.
5. Demonstrated participation in continuing medical education activities to maintain up-to-date knowledge and skills.
6. Demonstrated organisational and time management skills to provide safe and timely patient-centred care.

Desirable Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated at least 12 months working in a rural Western Australian Hospital employed by WACHS, prior to commencing the program.

For further information contact meu@health.wa.gov.au or phone (08) 6391 0640 to discuss.

For Junior Doctors with an interest in a career as a Rural Generalist or GP Surgeon please contact RGPWA@health.wa.gov.au or phone 08 6391 0641.