



ACE RMO Intake 2026 Training Year Health New Zealand Southern

Employer Information Sheet

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Why Dunedin Hospital?

- Be part of the Southern Future! Your energy and ideas are welcome here. We're designing a new hospital in Dunedin (Ōtepoti), creating an incredible opportunity to ask questions about how we want to deliver care in decades to come, and change things up
- Dunedin Hospital is a 388-bed tertiary facility employing over 3,000 staff and servicing an Otago catchment of 181,500 as well as providing tertiary services for a combined catchment of 289,000 and is home to all specialties plus a broad array of subspecialties
- Each year, Dunedin Hospital sees 36,000 emergency department presentations, performs approximately 10,200 theatre operations, 1800 births, and 23,000 discharges
- Learn with, and from, the best. Our partnerships with the University of Otago, Otago Polytechnic and Southern Institute of Technology mean ongoing education, and links to research, are part of the culture of the health system
- Watch our video on why Dunedin Hospital is a great choice to **Fit In** and **Standout** by following this link [Southern Health | He hauora, he kuru pounamu](#)

Attractions to the Region

Living and working in Dunedin provides for an excellent location to both work and play. With commutes that literally take minutes and with easy access to wonderful beaches, excellent cafes, and restaurants as well as great opportunities to walk, run, hike or bike; Dunedin has it all.

For those who love to explore, there are many local and further afield places to visit. Steampunk in Oamaru, beautiful beaches, and scenery in the Catlins, watching the Albatross from the Otago Peninsula or take a guided tour to observe the endangered Yellow Eyed Penguin undisturbed at close range; the opportunities are bountiful. Take a weekend trip to Central Otago and experience the amazing opportunities the region has to offer.

For more information about living and working in Dunedin, visit <https://www.dunedinnz.com/>

Selection Criteria

- Cover Letter required outlining why applicants are interested in working with us
- Contact with Prevocational Educational Supervisor and / or RMO Unit indicating a desire to work in Dunedin Hospital
- Consideration of ACE scoring including review of referee reports

Positions Available

The number of positions expected per district will be released on the ACE RMO website during 2024.

PGY1 Runs

- General Medicine
- Cardiology
- General Surgery
- Urology

- Orthopaedics
- Psychiatry
- Older Person's Health
- Mental Health for Older People

PGY2 Runs

- O&G (6 months)
- Paediatrics (6 months)
- Emergency Medicine
- Haematology
- Oncology
- Renal
- Respiratory
- Neurosurgery/Ophthalmology
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- ENT
- General Surgery Acutes
- Internal Medicine Assessment Unit
- Community Runs
- Leave Reliever Runs
- Gastroenterology

Late Starts

Late starts for PGY1's may be accommodated at the discretion of our district. Please note that our ability to facilitate late starts is dependent on several factors and may not be able to be confirmed until later in the year.

Vocational Training

- PGY1s are allocated to runs that will provide for a broad and general experience allowing for sub specialisation in their second year
- For PGY2+ House Officers, Dunedin offers a wide range of vocational training options
- Our Prevocational Educational Supervisors and SMO teams are more than happy to work with Interns regarding career development

Regular House Officer Teaching

- Weekly teaching session, the University of Otago's Grand Round
- Thursday protected teaching times are sessions arranged by the RMO Unit utilising staff's areas of interest
- Individual departmental teaching

Rosters

Rosters vary across the specialties however to give you an idea:

- 1 long day per week (Mon - Fri 0800-2230)
- 1 weekend day every 2-3 weeks (0800-2230)
- Nightshifts (block of 4 and /or block of 3 consecutive nights)
- Rostered days off are provided in accordance with the collective employment agreements

PGY1 Average Pay

The current run category for most House Officer runs (excluding Community Based Attachments) is C. Orthopaedic run allocations are band B.

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Why Southland Hospital?

- Southland Hospital is a 157+ bed secondary level 4 base facility situated in the city of Invercargill
- As a secondary level base hospital, our staff enjoy a broad range of cases which provide good opportunities for those starting off in their careers to gain a wide experience and exposure to clinical cases
- Southland Hospital services a 108,000 population base providing acute medical and surgical, outpatient clinics, day procedures, 24-hour emergency department, comprehensive ancillary facilities including laboratory, medical imaging, medical diagnostics, specialist paediatric, maternity, rehabilitation and therapy services. On average per year at Southland Hospital there are 30,000 Emergency Department attendances, 5,000 theatre operations 1100 births and 17,000 discharges
- In addition to offering an innovative and progressive working environment, Southland Hospital is small and intimate enough for new arrivals to quickly get to know not only their colleagues, but also their patients. This is modern medicine practiced in the most personalised way possible
- Here at Southland Hospital your professional life is easily balanced with all that Invercargill and the surrounding environs have to offer. Here you will enjoy a clinically challenging and rewarding job combined with a relaxed and satisfying lifestyle
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Attractions to the Region

Invercargill (Waihōpai) is the regional capital and commercial hub of Southland. Founded in the 1850's, it is New Zealand's southernmost city - and one of the southernmost cities in the world. Numerous heritage buildings give the city a charming old-world quality, while the magnificent Queens Park impresses with its sprawling 80 hectares of beautifully kept gardens, wildlife habitats, playgrounds, and sports areas.

Regardless of your interests, Southland offers so many opportunities from which to live and play. Enjoy a quick boat or plane ride over to Stewart Island, a short walk or cycle to one of the many local cafes or a drive along the coastal highway of Oreti Beach. Take a quick trip to one of the many bays surrounding Invercargill and visit the most Southern point of the South Island. Book one of the hospital staff holiday homes in Central Otago and really explore what the region has to offer.

For those who want to get off the beaten track, Southland is the ideal place to be. One of the largest regions in New Zealand, Southland's vast array of lakes, rivers, mountains, and open plains make it a place of incomparable and unique beauty. Its rugged coastline, stretching a staggering 3,400 kilometers is one of Southland's most treasured assets. Mostly free of development and home to countless species of native wildlife, it invites visitors back to nature in tranquil surroundings.

For more information visit <https://southlandnz.com/>

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- Contact with Prevocational Educational Supervisor and / or RMO Unit indicating a desire to work at Southland Hospital
- Consideration of ACE scoring including review of referee reports
- Murihiku Health Scholarship recipients who are applying for a position should make themselves known to the RMO Unit team

Positions Available

The number of positions expected per district will be released on the ACE RMO website during 2025.

PGY1 Runs

- General Medicine
- Orthopaedics
- General Surgery
- AT&R (In second 6 months)

PGY2 Runs

- The above runs
- Paediatrics (6 months)
- O&G (6 months)
- ED (6 months)
- Psychiatry
- Community Runs
- Trauma / ED (Orthopaedics) – separate application required

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Vocational Training

PGY1s are allocated to runs that will provide for a broad and general experience allowing for sub specialisation in their second year.

For PGY2+ House Officers, Southland Hospital offers vocational training in the following specialties. Each year we employ a good mix of training and non-training Registrars:

- ED
- Medicine
- O&G
- Paediatrics
- Orthopaedics
- General Surgery
- Anaesthesia

Regular House Officer Teaching

- Weekly teaching session on a Wednesday and Thursday (Protected)
- Journal Club
- Grand Rounds Weekly
- Departmental Training

Rosters

Rosters vary across specialties however to give you an idea:

- PGY1 in first 6 months will work:
 - Long days – up to one per week
 - Weekends – approximately 2 -3 per quarter
 - No nights
- PGY1 in second 6 months will work:
 - Less weekends
 - Nights

PGY1 Average Pay

The current run category for most House Officer runs (excluding Community Based Attachments) is C.