
OVERSEAS TRAINED PSYCHIATRISTS EXEMPTION CANDIDATE EXAMINATION (ECE) PREPARATORY WORKSHOP SERIES October 2010

Thank you for your interest in the ECE Preparatory Workshop series. This is the 8th Workshop series coordinated by Dr Raju Lakshmana, Senior Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne and Clinical Director, North East Area Mental Health Service, Austin Health.

This series will run for 3 consecutive weekends – October 16 & 17, 23 & 24 and 30 & 31.

Aim of the ECE Workshop series

The workshop series addresses key issues of the Exemption Candidate Examination (ECE) and provides an excellent opportunity for Overseas Trained Psychiatrists (OTPs) to undertake formal preparation for the ECE. Unlike most one-off training days or workshops, this series of workshops provide more detailed feedback, helping to improve OTP's skills and competencies and improve their success rate in exams.

The Workshop series will:

- increase appreciation of the ECE structure and RANZCP's expectations
- provide considerable practice in M-OSCEs and M-OCIs
- generate benefits that result from group study - (eg, desensitization, feedback, networking)
- provide supervision from Fellows of the RANZCP (some of whom have gone through similar pathways)
- provide individual feedback

All days will be facilitated by Fellows of the RANZCP.

Breakfast and Lunch are provided for all sessions except the mock M-OSCE exam.

NOTE: This workshop series will refine your skills and prepare you for your exams. The focus is on M-OSCE practise and M-OCI presentation skills, not the basics of M-OCI (especially interview skills). Candidates are strongly urged to improve and harness those skills with their individual supervisors.

Accommodation and Flights

Travelscene on Eastern Hill is the recommended contact for all flight; discounted accommodation and car hire needs. The charge for this service is \$44.00.

If you are from country Victoria, interstate or overseas we highly recommend you take advantage of this service. If you choose this option your contact details will be provided to Meg; she will contact you directly to help you plan flights, accommodation and car hire.

Fees

The course fee is Course Fee \$3410.00 (incl GST).

VMPF is a not-for-profit incorporated organization which was established in 1920. The fees for this workshop series provide an honorarium for the Facilitators/Examiners and role-players; and cover other operational costs of conducting the series. There will be no refund (complete or partial) of fee once places have been confirmed.

Structure of the ECE Workshop series

Saturdays

Orientation to ECE (9:00 to 12:00): Candidates will be addressed by an ECE Examiner who will provide general information about the ECE as well as specific information about the M-OSCE's and M-OCIs.

Candidates will have the opportunity to ask questions.

M-OSCE Preparatory session (12:30 to 17:00): Candidates work through four M-OSCEs practiced in two groups - each group will be facilitated by a supervisor.

Venue: North East Community Mental Health Service, 77 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg.

Sundays

M-OCI Preparatory session (9:00 to 1:00): Live patient interviews followed by thinking time and presentation of formulation and action plan.

Venue: Austin Psychiatric Unit, Austin Hospital, Heidelberg.

Mock M-OSCE Saturday, May 8 2010

There will be 2 streams of the exam, the morning stream and the afternoon stream. The exam will take place in College exam style. Individual feedback will be provided to the candidates at the end of each stream.

Group feedback will be collated and communicated after the mock exams.

- **Stream 1 - 8:30am for a 9:00am start to the exam - finishing at 12:30**
- **Stream 2 - 12:30 pm for a 1:00pm start to the exam - finishing at 4:30**

Venue: North East Community Mental Health Service, 77 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg

Workshop materials

Presentation slides will be emailed to each candidate at the end of the course. You will only need to bring writing materials for your notes.

Liaising with your workshop colleagues

Please email eceworkshop@vmpf.org.au if you **do not** approve of your contact email address and mobile number being provided to other attendees.

Feedback and Evaluation

Candidates are requested to provide feedback and evaluation of the workshop series to help improve the quality of these workshops.

Certificate of Completion

Certificates will be provided to all candidates who complete evaluations and provide feedback. This workshop series has been endorsed by the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne, and all participants will receive a certificate of participation at the conclusion of the workshop series.

Please contact VMPF if you need any other information on eceworkshop@vmpf.org.au. Or telephone Jillian Morphet at VMPF on 03 9415 1177, fax: 03 9416 2624.

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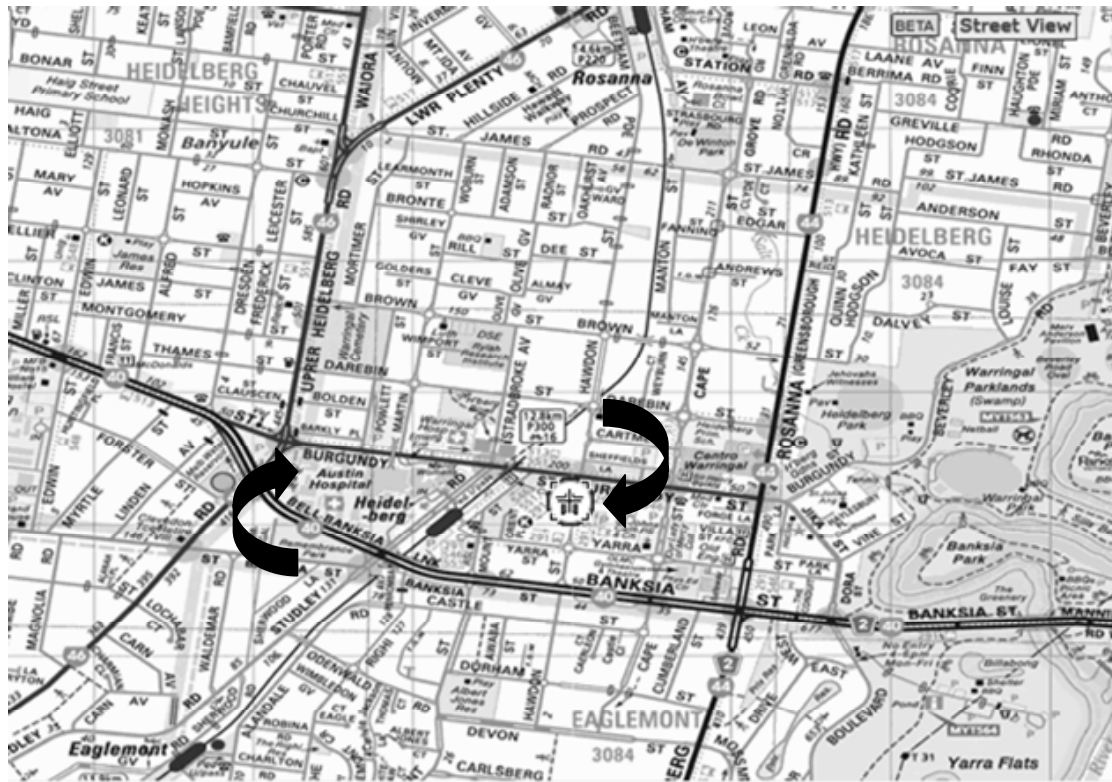


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Public Transport

Train: Heidelberg train station, on the Hurstbridge Line, is the closest train station. The North East Community Mental Health Service, at 77 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg is walking distance from the train station.