Positions available: Registrars in Palliative Medicine, Territory Palliative Care Central Australia Based in Alice Springs Hospital.

Employment type: Temporary full-time
Remuneration: $143,997 - $213,632

Applications close July 31st, 2026.

Are you an Advanced Trainee in Palliative Medicine, a candidate for the Clinical Foundations in Palliative Medicine, or a clinician who wants to experience the challenge and excitement of learning palliative medicine in a truly unique, remote setting? And of living and working in one of the most beautiful places in the world, in the heart of Aboriginal Australia? Do you have an interest in doing medicine in a cultural setting very different from the one in which you trained, dealing with health issues not seen anywhere else in Australia, in a hospital with the aspiration to provide high quality care that is culturally safe?

Our service is based in the Alice Springs Hospital and provides care to the 35,000 residents of Alice Springs but also to more than 20,000 people living in the remote communities of Central Australia, covering a million square kilometres. We offer in-patient palliative care in a newly built 10 bed unit, whilst our community team supports patients across the whole region, including regular outreach visits to Tennant Creek, and our hospital consult service provides advice and care for patients within Alice Springs Hospital. We have close and mutually supportive relationships with all teams within the hospital, including Emergency, Medical Oncology, the Medical, Surgical and Renal teams, Retrievals, and ICU. We share care of our patients with remote clinics and Aboriginal controlled health services, or with GPs in town, and provide a 24/7 on call service.

The town of Alice Springs is iconic and diverse, with a young, vibrant, multicultural population. Renowned for its friendly, easy-going lifestyle, Alice Springs attracts people from all walks of life, coming to experience the unique blend of hospitality, tranquillity and spectacular beauty of the vast landscape. Commuting is a breeze, with no traffic jams, and it would be unusual to take more than 10 minutes to get anywhere. It is a cyclists' dream, and a quirky and fun place to live.

Alice Springs is located in an area of great scenic beauty with rugged ranges and spectacular gorges and waterholes within an arid, desert landscape. There are many beautiful places to camp under the stars, swim through the gorges, explore ancient mountain ranges, and hit world-class mountain bike trails. You will live in the midst of Aboriginal culture, language and art. There are also numerous sporting, recreational and cultural activities with good shopping and educational facilities to suit families and single people.

Registrar positions are available for either 6 months, or a year for advanced trainees interested in completing an Integrated Rural Term, which will allow you to complete your Community and Inpatient core terms over a 12 month period. We are accredited for the Clinical Foundations in Palliative Medicine. If you wish to do a rotation through another specialty whilst you are here, you can gain invaluable clinical experience in true, acute General Medicine, in subspecialties such as Nephrology, Cardiology, or Endocrinology, or with one of the other hospital teams. Rural generalist trainees with an interest in completing an AST/ ARST in Palliative Medicine can be offered 6 months of specialist palliative care with the opportunity to complete an additional 6 months of related training within the hospital, eg oncology or renal supportive care, with ongoing palliative care supervision.

Make it an amazing year. You will not forget your time in Central Australia.

For further information please contact Dr Christine Sanderson on 0487 325 366 or christine.sanderson@nt.gov.au. Applications will close on 31st July 2026. To be considered for the position, please forward your CV and covering letter to Dr Sanderson.