



**COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE
OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

**MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF INTENSIVE CARE UNITS
FOR BASIC TRAINING**

1. All ICUs accredited for core Intensive Care training are suitable for basic training.
2. For ICUs not accredited for core training:
 - 2.1 The ICU must be established and operational:
 - (a) Minimum 5 beds with ventilation capacity of at least 3 beds.
 - (b) Minimum case load of ICU patients of 250 admissions annually.
 - Broad case mix including both medical and surgical patients.
 - Reasonable patient illness acuity including patients requiring invasive ventilation for more than 24 hours.
 - (c) Established policies and procedures covering admission, discharge and common clinical situations.
 - (d) Established policies and procedures for transport of patients into the ICU and out of the ICU to an appropriate, higher level facility.
 - (e) Appropriate numbers of trained and experienced nursing staff:
 - It is expected that the majority of nursing staff will have undertaken or be engaged in post-graduate training in Intensive Care.
 - (f) Capability for and regular use of invasive haemodynamic monitoring and invasive and non-invasive mechanical ventilation.
 - (g) Medical Director with an appropriate specialist qualification.
 - (h) Nurse manager with an appropriate, post-graduate qualification.
 - (i) ICU participation in emergency (eg. MET or cardiac arrest) and outreach programs.
 - (j) Availability of teaching and resource material (text books, journals etc.).
 - (k) Established review processes (eg. QA, M&M, critical incident monitoring, clinical indicators).
3. The trainee appointment must be substantially in Intensive Care. Some participation in the clinical activities of an associated unit is allowable, especially for 'out-of-hours' practice (eg. cross cover with anaesthesia).
4. An appropriately trained and experienced medical specialist must supervise the clinical practice of the trainee. Supervision must be available at all times.
5. There must be a structured education program in which the trainee participates. If the program is hospital-based, there must be a significant Intensive Care component.