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**Rural Track Program Questionnaire:  
Psychiatry**

This form should be used for ACGME-accredited psychiatry programs pursuing [**ACGME Rural Track Program designation**,](https://www.acgme.org/what-we-do/accreditation/medically-underserved-areas-and-populations/rural-tracks/) either within an existing program or with program application, unless otherwise indicated next to the question.

Upload this completed form to the “Specialty-Specific Rural Track Program Questionnaire” section of the designation request in the Accreditation Data System (ADS).

Contact [**Louise Castile, MS**](mailto:lcastile@acgme.org), executive director of the Review Committee for Psychiatry, with questions about this form.

1. Rural Track Program (RTP) Process: Choose an item.
2. Provide the educational rationale for the RTP. This must include an overview of the competency-based rural rotation goals and objectives for this program. If this is an RTP request within an existing program and the educational rationale has already been provided as part of the complement increase request process, ensure the response addresses the points mentioned and indicate “provided in ADS” in the space below. If this is an RTP request with program application, the Accreditation Field Representative(s) will verify the response to this and other questions at the time of the site visit.

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1. If this is an RTP request within an existing program, describe if the program leadership changes in any way. If this is an RTP request with program application, describe the organization and lines of authority among organization and program leaders (designated institutional official (DIO), behavioral health care leader, department chair, program director, site director(s), faculty members, and program coordinator).

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1. If this is an RTP request within an existing program, describe who will oversee the day-to-day operations of the track and how this person will report to and communicate with the program director. If this is an RTP request with program application and the program director is the same person as the program director for the Rural Track Related Program (definition on [**RTP Designation web page**](https://www.acgme.org/what-we-do/accreditation/medically-underserved-areas-and-populations/rural-tracks/)), describe how this person will have adequate time to accomplish both roles.

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1. Explain the amount and nature of contact the program director will have with residents in all four years of the RTP. Where will the RTP program director’s primary office and primary clinical work be located?

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1. If a local site director(s) is/are involved with residents in the RTP, describe the formal reporting relationship to the residency program director, as well as the frequency and nature of communication between these parties.

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1. Explain how faculty members will be shared across the RTP and the categorical psychiatry program.

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1. Explain how required educational processes (e.g., Clinical Competency Committee, Program Evaluation Committee, conferences, scholarly and quality improvement projects) will be carried out for the RTP.

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1. Describe how conferences, didactics, journal club, scholarship, patient safety, and quality improvement projects will reflect the educational needs of rural track residents.

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