



National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice



Optimizing rural care

Are you a rural physician interested in advanced training?

The **Society of Rural Physicians of Canada** is offering the **National Advanced Skills and Training Program** which is funding training opportunities to upskill practicing rural physicians, including specialists, nationwide.

Examples of training may include:

- anesthesia • emergency medicine • general surgery
- obstetrical care • addiction treatment • ultrasound



Funding available - first-come, first-served

The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC)

The SRPC is the national voice of Canadian rural physicians. Founded in 1992, its mandate is to support rural physicians and communities, and enhance access to high-quality care, close to home.

Team Primary Care

The SRPC is part of a consortium entitled **Team Primary Care: Training for Transformation**, which has a mandate to accelerate the health system reform needed to deliver comprehensive primary care.

Team Primary Care is co-led by the *College of Family Physicians of Canada* and the *Canadian Health Workforce Network* in partnership with over 65 health professional and educational organizations across Canada.

It is an interprofessional project of the *Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine* funded by *Employment and Social Development Canada*.

Why is this program needed?



“ Health care needs in rural areas are unique, extending beyond comprehensive primary health care. Equitable access for these communities includes services such as hospital in-patient care, emergency care, anesthesia, obstetrics, surgery, and more. We want to ensure rural physicians are able to confidently take on these many demands. ”

Dr. Sarah Lespérance
President, SRPC and Chair, Expert Advisory Committee

The initiative will...



Reimburse practicing rural physicians up to \$35,000:

- training (\$1,000 per day), travel and accommodation for up to 30 days
- preceptor (\$250 per day) and locum services



Foster a network of opportunities and/or collaborations to mentor rural physicians in addition to the enhancement of skills



Strengthen health care in remote communities and reduce the need for patient transport out of their communities

What do I need to apply?

Confirm eligibility criteria before applying

- Training plan approved by Preceptor
- Letter of support from your chief of staff or regional medical director
- CV

Funding guidelines



Training should occur by January 31, 2024 and may be from one to 30 days in length



Rural physicians will identify their own training needs and identify or develop learning opportunities to meet their needs



Training will typically be based on small-group or one-on-one training with a preceptor



Training must occur in Canada and applicants are encouraged to seek opportunities within their referral region



Physicians must have practiced in a rural community for a minimum of six months in the past year and must agree to return to a rural community for at least six months

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