



# National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice

Optimizing rural care



## Are you interested in serving as a preceptor?

The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada is implementing the **National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice** that will fund training opportunities to upskill practicing rural physicians nationwide. The intention is to increase retention of physicians in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

To be successful, the program **needs physicians to serve as preceptors** for rural family physicians and specialists. If you have skills in areas of interest to rural physicians, e.g., emergency medicine, obstetrics, anesthesia, minor surgery, or treatment of addiction, and are interested in becoming a preceptor, we invite you to register at [srpc.ca/event-5203406](http://srpc.ca/event-5203406).



## 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*.

## The initiative will...



Reimburse practicing rural physicians for the cost of:

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



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

## Funding guidelines



Rural physician trainees will work with a preceptor to identify training needs



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



Training may be from one to 30 days in length



Funding will be given to rural physician trainees on a first-come, first-served basis



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



*“With enhanced skills provided by this program, physicians will be better able to serve rural population needs, and improve rural physician retention.”*

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

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