Courses

Emergency Department Echo (EDE) Ultrasound Course – Offered through the Canadian Point of Care Ultrasound Society, the course aims to help physicians and other health-care providers develop a basic understanding of ultrasound image generation and interpretation to enhance rural patient care.

- RhPAP will subsidize 50 per cent of the cost for rural Alberta health-care providers to take this course in their community.
- For more information on eligibility criteria and course requirements, visit rhpap.ca/EDE.

General Emergency Medicine Skills (GEMS) Course – Offered in partnership with Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS), this course provides rural physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants with access to relevant interactive, online, multimedia skills training at their rural location followed by a hands-on STARS Human Patient Simulation Session.

- For more information on course content and participant eligibility criteria rhpap.ca/GEMS.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ALCS) / Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Courses—Health-care teams can apply for funding to assist with costs of bringing an ACLS or PALS course to their community. These advanced resuscitation programs are designed to help health-care providers to improve outcomes with adult patients experiencing a cardiovascular emergency, and pediatric patients experiencing respiratory emergencies, shock, and cardiopulmonary arrest.

- Please email teams@rhpap.ca for more information on how to apply for funding assistance.
Rural Mentorship Program – Are you a rural physician interested in sharing your know-how and getting medical students to start considering rural practice? By mentoring a first- or second-year medical students and providing them with the opportunity to observe and learn skills and practise simple medical procedures, you can promote your practice and community and start building relationships with potential future colleagues.

- You pick the times and dates that work for you, and RhPAP will take care of the rest and recognize your time with an honorarium.
- For more information, visit rhpap.ca/preceptor.

Continuing Professional Development Funding – RhPAP regularly provides funding for education opportunities designed with rural practice in mind including, but not limited to, Emergency Medicine for Rural Hospitals, Rural Anesthesia for GP Anesthesiologists, Rural Surgical Skills Update, the Rural Virtual Conference Series, and Endoscopy Skills Days.

- For more information, visit rhpap.ca/ruralCME.

RhPAP Practice Supports

Rural Education and Advanced Learning (REAL) Program – Are you a rural nurse, nurse practitioner, midwife, or allied health professional in a PCN, an out-of-scope, non-union position, or independent practice interested in education opportunities that would help you better address your community’s patient needs? REAL is designed to be flexible to support you to pursue opportunities that work with your schedule.

- For more information on eligibility criteria, visit rhpap.ca/REAL.

Financial Incentive for Rural Staff Training (FIRST) Program – Want to bring a course or education session to your rural multidisciplinary team? RhPAP provides up to $5,000 to help you support skills development workshops or courses, communication skills or practice management training, special speaker engagements, team-based webinars, or simulation training in your community.

- For more information on program eligibility, visit rhpap.ca/locum.