



## RhPAP is here to support Alberta's rural health professionals

If you are a health professional in rural Alberta, RhPAP has programs to support you. From skills development to locum relief, RhPAP is always looking for new ways to keep health care close to home.

### Find out more

To apply for funding or to find out more about how RhPAP can support your rural practice, please contact:

#### Rural Health Professions Action Plan

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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:teams@rhpap.ca) for more information on how to apply for funding assistance.

## RhPAP Education Supports

**Peter K. Lindsay Physician Skills Enrichment Program** – Are you a physician who wants to upgrade or develop your skills to better meet your community's needs? Once you've identified your training interests, RhPAP can help you identify opportunities that align with your interests or confirm whether the program that you have in mind would be eligible for funding.

- The program offers an honorarium that covers costs and expenses while you are away from your practice for the duration of the training – anywhere from two weeks for a course or informal coaching opportunity to a year-long enhanced skills training program.
- For more information on eligibility criteria, visit [rhpap.ca/PeterKLindsay](http://rhpap.ca/PeterKLindsay).



**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](http://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.

## RhPAP helps keep health-care close to home

- For more information on eligibility criteria, visit [rhpap.ca/FIRST](http://rhpap.ca/FIRST).

**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](http://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](http://rhpap.ca/ruralCME).

## RhPAP Practice Supports

**Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) Program** – Are you a resident or new-in-practice physician, who has completed their residency in Canada within the last five years, and is interested in exploring and practising in rural Alberta? RESIDE supports new physicians who wish to experience living and working in rural Alberta. Eligible RESIDE physicians receive a financial benefit, community orientation, and ongoing community engagement.

- For more information on eligibility, visit [rhpap.ca/RESIDE](http://rhpap.ca/RESIDE).

**Rural Physician Locum Coverage** – RhPAP provides funding for short-term locum coverage for eligible rural family physicians and regional specialists practising outside of Calgary and Edmonton. The program is administered by the AMA's Physician Locum Services.

- For more information on program eligibility, visit [rhpap.ca/locum](http://rhpap.ca/locum).