



**Clinical Teaching Collaborative**

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## ***Clinical Teaching Collaborative Update***

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Dear Clinical Teaching Scholars, Clinical Teachers, and Managers,

We would like to bring you up to date on current and future developments with the Clinical Teaching Collaborative (CTC) project. First, thank you all for your ongoing involvement and support of the Clinical Teaching Collaborative, Clinical Teachers/ Clinical Teaching Scholars, undergraduate nursing and Practical Nursing students. Your contributions have been invaluable to everyone involved and have supported clinical teaching/ learning and knowledge. This has been accomplished all while providing exceptional education to students and care that ultimately benefits patients within AHS.

The Clinical Teaching Collaborative project has been funded through a Government grant. We now have confirmation that the funding for the project will expire at the end of December, 2011. We are working diligently to complete evaluations on all aspects of the program as well as the courses and their outcomes. Our steering committee is determining what elements of the program can feasibly continue and are keen to have you onboard as we move forward. As soon as a final report is completed, we will share the details with you.

Currently the first course for LPN's (Clinical Teachers) has been completed. Some Clinical Teachers have teaching assignments at this time. The next course offering for Clinical Teachers occurs in June with assignments offered in the fall of 2011, pending availability of teaching placements. The next Expression of Interest for CT's is scheduled to be posted in August with the course scheduled to commence in October 2011.

The next course offering for RN, BN prepared nurses (Clinical Teaching Scholars) started June 1<sup>st</sup> with teaching to commence in the fall of 2011 pending availability of teaching placements. Currently an Expression of Interest is posted for the Clinical Teaching Scholars (CTS), with the course offering in late August/early September.

Health care system changes in Alberta have been enormous over the past three years and it has often been challenging to navigate our program during this time. However, we are proud of what we have accomplished and are grateful to you for your enthusiasm, support and participation. We expect to be able to inform you by the end of summer regarding our plans for the remaining months of the project.

If you have any questions, please contact Mandy McCabe at **403-519-2499** or [mandy.mccabe@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:mandy.mccabe@albertahealthservices.ca)

Sincere regards,

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