



Clinical Teaching Collaborative

Linking nurses for learning

If you are a Licensed Practical Nurse with an interest in clinical teaching of undergraduate Practical Nurse students...

Consider becoming a “Clinical Teacher!”

Who are Clinical Teachers?

- LPNs employed in the Calgary area of Alberta Health Services who are interested in teaching undergraduate LPN students on their own or a similar clinical unit;
- LPNs who collaborate with course coordinators from the educational program to accept responsibility for supervision and evaluation of groups of undergraduate LPN students;
- LPNs who provide clinical teaching for up to two clinical courses per year for groups of students from Bow Valley College

Prerequisites for Participation:

- Proficient to expert nursing practice in either medical, surgical, neurological, mental health, women's health or pediatric nursing
- Familiar with unit clinical population, policies & procedures;
- Have a practical nurse diploma as the minimum educational background;
- Jointly selected by the clinical agency (i.e. Alberta Health Services, Calgary Health Region) and the educational program (i.e. Bow Valley College, University of Calgary, Mount Royal College);
- Completion of an adult education level course on Clinical Teaching—for credit (if desired). Tuition and course materials covered by project grant! Course participants will be sent a registration package. *The next course will run March 28-April 1, 2011*

What is the Clinical Teaching Collaborative (CTC)?

- The CTC is a joint undertaking between AHS and three educational partners, including the University of Calgary, Mount Royal College, and Bow Valley College.
- The CTC has been funded by the provincial government to increase clinical placements and clinical teaching capacity within the health care system over the next three years.
- The project will enhance the number of clinical placements to meet the increasing numbers of practical nurse students.
- Clinical Teachers will maintain employment in their home nursing unit, and will have time dedicated to coordinating, educating and evaluating practical nurse students.
- Through the CTC, clinical teachers will be provided with support from experienced course instructors.
- The project will provide salary replacement to AHS to cover the replacement to enable LPN participation in the educational course on clinical teaching and to participate in teaching of Practical Nurse students.



What are the Benefits to the Educational Programs?

- Practical Nurse students will receive clinical instruction from expert practicing LPNs who are familiar with the clinical population, procedures, and nursing expertise required within the participating clinical unit.
- There will be increased numbers of clinical teachers available to supplement the currently available pool of part-time sessional instructors employed by educational institutions.

What are the Benefits to the Clinical Unit?

- Participating LPNs develop clinical teaching skills that enhance orientation and ongoing clinical development of other nursing staff working on the unit.
- Students who have positive clinical experiences are more likely to be recruited to that specialty or particular unit.
- Participating units may discover ways to embed students in the learning environment more effectively than is currently possible.

What are the Benefits to LPNs participating as Clinical Teacher?

- LPNs with an interest in clinical teaching have support for professional development in this area.
- LPN's participate in clinical teaching as part of their committed FTE without interruption to their primary benefits or pension.
- LPN participants receive credit for an adult education level course (tuition and materials covered) that can be applied toward further undergraduate programs.
- The portion of the LPN's regular FTE assigned to the Clinical Teacher role is paid as a temporary assignment with an increase in pay in accordance with the Letter of Understanding with AUPE.

LPNs are currently being selected for this project to attend the March adult education course and start their teaching role in Spring/ Fall 2011

For more information on the present and upcoming Phases of the Clinical Teaching Collaborative, visit the CTC website at

www.clinicalteachingcollaborative.ca

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