IRPbc is shifting from its focus on once-a-year student teams in select communities, to the vision of rural communities providing interprofessional experiences for all students through patient-centred collaborative learning environments. The following communities will be championing these shifts, however there is an opportunity for other rural communities to host students and engage in moving rural interprofessional learning forward.

Rural BC Communities welcoming and engaging students

IRPbc 2011 Communities Provide:

» Housing and supports
» Preceptors across range of professions
» Collaborative learning opportunities
» Community and outdoor activities
» Local flavour and experiences!

Health and Human Services Students experiencing rural health and interprofessional teamwork

This isn’t an add-on to discipline or program-specific practice education requirements, but rather an enriched experience for achieving your learning objectives and fostering a deeper understanding of health from a community perspective!

Students on a rural interprofessional placement:

» See broader context of health and experience the continuum of health services
» Engage in interprofessional learning and collaborative health service models
» Learn “with, from and about one another” through shadowing other disciplines, interprofessional rounds and reflecting on their role on a health care team
» Contribute to rural health services

Students will be selected for IRPbc 2011 communities through the regular placement processes for their program. If you are interested in a rural interprofessional experience, please talk to your placement coordinator.

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