Program Overview

What is IRPbc?

1. Many things to different people/groups:
   - For students – An exciting opportunity for senior-level students to experience teamwork and the adventure of rural life and practice
   - For rural communities – An opportunity to showcase their community and share their expertise and love of rural practice; brings new energy and ideas along with “extra set of hands” in providing health care
   - For health care in BC – An innovative approach to foster leadership in collaborative practice for patient-centred care

1. Coordinated by the BC Academic Health Council which supports collaboration across health authorities and post-secondary institutions to strengthen academic health in BC

IRPbc is a unique program that benefits not only the students, but the health system too — Social Work Faculty

This diagram highlights our processes undertaken since IRPbc inception in February 2003

Goals

1. Model and evaluate interprofessional learning
1. Expand capacity for educating health professionals in BC
1. Recruit and retain health professionals in rural communities
1. Ultimately, improve the health of rural communities!

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