

DESCRIPTION

The Rural and Regional Clinical Skills Program is intended to provide the opportunity for medical students and family medicine residents to work alongside a rural or regional physician that provides both in-patient and emergency coverage for a weekend on call period, preferably a family physician. In this way the medical learners will enhance their clinical skills and be introduced to rural medicine in a positive way.

Medical learners who are participating in the Roadmap Passport contest can obtain 2 stamps on their passport when visiting a community through this program.

With prior approval from the hosting physician, learners may shadow in pairs for this program.

ELIGIBILITY

Medical students and family medicine residents enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in any year of their training who are not currently assigned to a rural rotation are eligible for this program.

FUNDING

Medical learners will receive \$200 for each experience. This funding is meant to cover the mileage and incidental expenses the learner incurs. The attached application form must be submitted in order to receive funding.

REPORTING

The medical learner is expected to provide a brief report of their experience, attached to the application form. This report should include an assessment of the learner's perception of the opportunities and barriers found in rural practice. The report should also include suggestions for overcoming these barriers and improving the acceptability of rural practice.

PRECEPTORS/COMMUNITIES

Medical learners are encouraged to develop their own clinical opportunities. Only clinical opportunities within the province of Saskatchewan are considered eligible.

ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES

Eligible communities would not include the 'bedroom communities' as listed in appendix A, but would otherwise include any rural or regional facility with both ER and in patient on call responsibilities.



COMMITTEE ON RURAL & REGIONAL PRACTICE

**RURAL AND REGIONAL
CLINICAL SKILLS PROGRAM**

APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone number (office) _____

Date of Experience	Community Visited	Physician Name

Have you attached your report of the experience? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: Committee on Rural & Regional Practice
c/o Saskatchewan Medical Association
201 – 2174 Airport Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M6
Fax: 306-653-1631

APPENDIX A

Rural is defined as those communities in which there are approximately 10,000 people or less¹.

Regional is defined as those communities which have populations greater than 10,000 people, excluding Saskatoon and Regina. Therefore, regional communities include:

Prince Albert	Moose Jaw
Yorkton	Lloydminster
North Battleford	Swift Current

The following “bedroom” communities are excluded from both definitions because of their close proximity to Saskatoon and Regina:

Lumsden	Pilot Butte
Balgonie	White City
Pense	Martensville
Warman	Langham
Clavet	Dalmeny
Delisle	

¹ The communities of Estevan and Weyburn are categorized as rural due to their fluctuating populations around the 10,000 mark.