



National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice

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The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) received \$7.4 M in funding from Service Canada to reimburse rural physicians, including specialists, who are interested in advanced skills training, enabling them to meet specific community needs and reducing the need for patient transport out of communities to receive these services.

Rural physicians will be reimbursed up to \$35,000 including a \$1000 per day stipend, \$1000 per day for a locum, \$250 per day for a preceptor in addition to travel and accommodation.

If you are interested or know someone interested in training, the eligibility criteria include:

- Rural physicians must have an active license to practice in Canada.
- Physicians must be SRPC members (or willing to become one).
- Physicians must have practiced in a rural community for a minimum of six months in the past year.
- Physicians must indicate their intention to return to a rural community for at least six months.
- Residents are not eligible for funding.
- Physicians may be practicing in more than one rural community.

What are the next steps?

If you are interested in ultrasound training, visit <https://cpocus.ca/> and register for the course you want. Apply for SRPC's National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice (<https://srpc.ca/advanced-training-english>). On the registration form indicate 'POCUS Training' under your training plan and indicate your preceptor as Dr. Ankit Kapur. You will require a letter of support from your Chief of Staff or regional health authority.

Training must be completed by March 2024.

If you have any questions contact Kristen at kristenk@srpc.ca or at [1-800-276-1949](tel:1-800-276-1949).



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1. Review eligibility criteria

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2. If eligible, create a training plan

Include learning objectives and indicate where and when the training will occur



3. Identify a preceptor

If you need help finding a preceptor, contact SRPC



4. Request a letter of support confirming the need in your community

The letter can be from your Chief of Staff or Regional Medical Director



5. Apply for hospital privileges, if necessary

If you cannot secure hospital privileges in a timely way, consider a training program that focuses on being a buddy or shadowing a preceptor



6. Complete the application form at www.srpc.ca

We will approve the application as soon as possible



7. Complete your training

Notify SRPC when you have completed your training and complete the forms so you can get reimbursed. You will pay your locum and preceptor (if appropriate)