

# BC Preceptors

## Development & Support

### A Preceptor is...

an experienced practitioner who provides role support and learning experiences to student and staff learners. A preceptor works with the learner for a defined period of time to assist the learner in acquiring new competencies required for safe, ethical and quality practice.

The Preceptor Development Initiative recognizes that alternate "titles" for this role may be used by different professions/agencies including practice educator, clinical supervisor, mentor and others.

The BC Preceptors Development and Support Initiative promotes the development of skilled practitioners in clinical practice education across British Columbia.

As a major initiative of BCAHC's Practice Education Committee, the Preceptor Initiative provides a venue for collaboration and knowledge exchange amongst health professionals who are preceptors, or who are supporting preceptors in practice.

The Initiative's goals include:

- Building a network of partners across the province
- Creating sustainable supports for preceptors while also developing new resources to meet changing needs
- Using the web to facilitate communication and access to resources
- Establishing processes to aid knowledge exchange
- Providing provincial level advocacy for ongoing program support
- Building on best practices and resources
- Implementing strategies for continuous quality improvement

Under the leadership of BCAHC and the Practice Education Committee, the Preceptor Development Initiative is striving to meet the needs of preceptors in order to promote excellence in clinical education and practice.

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