

**Application Form
for
Community Health
Representatives**

***The Aboriginal Women's
Health Fellowship***

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Fellowship Overview

Background

The Aboriginal Women's Health Fellowship was established to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal women by educating and training health care providers in Aboriginal women's wellness. The workshop provides Community Health Representatives (CHRs) with education and training in Aboriginal women's reproductive and mental health issues.

The fellowship is a public-private partnership between CN, Placer Dome, TimberWest, Northern Health Authority, Provincial Health Services Authority and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre. It has been funded by the generosity of donors through the Women's Hospital Foundation, who directed their gifts to the Fellowship.

Workshop Training & Education

The two-day workshop provides CHRs with an intensive training session to obtain the tools, knowledge and skills necessary to effectively advocate for Aboriginal women. The focus of the curriculum is on Aboriginal women's wellness, addressing breast and cervical cancer screening and mental health issues due to its prevalence among women.

The workshop will incorporate interactive learning, encouraging participants to tell their stories, discuss their thoughts on the barriers Aboriginal women face in accessing reproductive screening and offer

their ideas to overcome these barriers. It will provide participants with information about the mental health concerns of Aboriginal women as well as the tools to apply to assist women with these issues.

Program

The workshop program offers participants the following:

First Day

Morning Session

- Opening & Welcome
- Information on Cervical & Breast Cancer Screening

Afternoon Session

- Making the Links between Reproductive & Mental Health
- Roadmap on Managing Depression

Second Day

Morning Session

- Understanding Depression

Afternoon Session

- Tools for Promoting Mental & Reproductive Health in Your Community
- Closing

When & Where is the Workshop?

Details on the date, time and location of the workshop will be provided to successful participants.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Apply?

The fellowship is open to CHRs who work with Aboriginal women within their scope of practice. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Letters of support from their health director confirming the need for the candidate to pursue these skills is required.

What Funding is Provided?

The Aboriginal Women's Health Fellowship workshop is provided free of charge to participants. Accommodation along with lunch and break snacks each day is also provided. Fellows are expected to seek funding for their travel costs from their own health administrators. Where funding is unavailable, the Fellowship selection committee will assist with travel costs.

What about Food & Accommodations?

Fellows will stay at a local hotel close to the workshop site. Lunch and break snacks will be provided during the workshop. Participants are free to make their own dinner arrangements.

What are the Fellowship Benefits?

At the end of the training period, participants will be presented with a Certificate of Completion. Presented by BC Women's, this certificate will acknowledge Fellows' participation in the workshop and honour their contribution to supporting and promoting reproductive and mental health

screening for Aboriginal women.

What are the Obligations of the Fellow?

Successful candidates are expected to return to their community and use their new skills in the promotion of mental health and reproductive health screening among Aboriginal women. Fellows may be asked to participate in future Fellowship workshops or offer presentations within their own community.

Where are Application Forms Available?

Application forms are available from Lerinda Swain, tel: 604-875-3593 or at: www.womensfoundation.ca

What Format must be Used for the Application?

The application must be submitted by mail, courier or fax. No e-mails will be accepted.

Who do Applicants Contact for more Information about the Fellowship?

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APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and return with a letter of support from your health director.

Name of Applicant

Institutional Affiliation (if applicable)

Title

Street Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Fax

E-mail

What Types of Health Services are You Currently Providing in Your Job:

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APPLICATION FORM

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What Are Your Educational Objectives:

Applicant Signature

Date

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