

Project Title: Interprofessional Health Mentors program

Project Summary (150 words maximum)

The proposal is for the development and implementation of an interprofessional (IP), longitudinal 'Health Mentors' program in which teams of students from different disciplines learn together from a mentor (patient/client) with a chronic condition or disability (an expert in their life). Over the course of the program (2 years) the student teams visit their mentor several times, each visit focusing on specific curricular goals and IP competencies. This new initiative builds on experience gained in working in partnership with students, patients (mentors) and community organizations through the 'Community Partnerships for Health Professional Education' project. The objectives of the first phase of the Health Mentors program (2011-2012) are to i) plan and create the infrastructure for a pilot project in Fall 2011; and ii) implement and evaluate a pilot involving 20 health mentors and 100 students from at least 6 different health and human service programs at UBC.