



Project Title: Interprofessional Health Mentors program

Project Summary (150 words maximum)

The proposal enables completion of the development and piloting of an interprofessional 'Health Mentors' program in which students from different professions learn together from and with a mentor (patient/client) with a chronic condition or disability (an expert in their life). Over the 16-month program, groups (4 students and mentor) meet several times to discuss specific topics. The first cohort of 90 students from 6 different professional programs and 23 Health Mentors started in September 2011 and will finish in December 2012. Cohort 2 began in September 2012 with 203 students from 9 different programs and 51 mentors. Objectives of the third phase of the pilot program (2013-2014) are to i) complete implementation and evaluation of cohort 2; ii) recruit mentors, students and faculty supervisors for a third cohort to start in September 2013; iii) work with participating programs to ensure sustainability of the HM program beyond the pilot phase.