

Fact Sheet for Mentors

ACPF Overview

The Advanced Clinical Practice Fellowship (ACPF) program provides registered nurses (RN) and nurse practitioners (NP) the opportunity to have a focused self-directed learning experience to develop knowledge and skills in their areas of interest with support from a mentor(s), the organization where the RN/NP is employed, and RNAO.

This initiative is aimed at developing and promoting nursing knowledge and expertise, and improving client care and health outcomes in Ontario.

Role of the Primary Mentor

Mentors are individuals who have formal and/or experiential knowledge about the subject in which the fellow wishes to gain enhanced knowledge and skill. The role of the mentor includes the following responsibilities:

- Supporting the fellow in developing the fellowship focus and scope by actively participating in the application process.
- Monitoring the fellow's progress, meeting regularly and providing guidance throughout the fellowship.
- Informing the fellow on specialty areas of practice.
- Facilitating learning opportunities for the fellow (e.g. job shadowing, site visits).
- Participate in evaluating the outcomes of the fellow's learning plan.
- Supporting and sustaining the learning and impact of the fellowship after its completion.



Primary Mentor Eligibility Criteria

ACPF Primary Mentors must meet the following requirements:

- Be an RN or NP licensed with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Hold a Master's degree in any subject area
- Have formal and/or experiential knowledge about the subject in which the fellow wishes to gain enhanced knowledge and skill.



Mentoring Team

- Fellows may choose to have a mentoring team in addition to a Primary Mentor.
- The Mentoring Team can include individuals from a range of educational and professional backgrounds. Their knowledge, expertise and participation should enhance the fellow's learning.
- Mentoring Team members can include individuals from the Sponsoring Organization or external organizations.



Additional Information

- Fellow application template and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document will only be posted during an open RFP period
- For additional information, visit: <http://www.rnao.ca/acpf>