

Become a Patient-Engaged Research Sponsor

Sponsor the Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) Training Program and add patient voices to health research projects, planning and policy.

The PaCER certificate program integrates research-based patient perspective and experience into health research and health care. PaCER is housed and supported by the Alberta Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (AbSPORU) Patient Engagement Team, and delivered by the Continuing Education Program, University of Calgary.

What do PaCER researchers do?

During this one-year non credit certificate program, non-traditional learners gain essential research skills that present future opportunities to work as patient-partners in health research. These future opportunities include but are not limited to:

- Join health research teams as active and equal partners in research
- Build capacity for patient education organizations and networks
- Contribute to the enhancement of patient engagement research, practice health research
- Work at governance level within the health authority

Why get involved

By sponsoring a cohort, you:

- Contribute to continued inclusion of patient perspective in health research and the health care system
- Receive a PaCER student authored research report and, if appropriate, the primary data
- Enable community involvement and community knowledge translation amongst patient groups
- Receive an academically-reviewed research report, depending on negotiated agreement terms
- Develop patient capacity for involvement in future research and quality improvement efforts

Cost

The cost for a cohort of 5-8 patient participants is \$45,000 for the 3 courses.

Roles

As a Sponsor, you will provide a research topic for your cohort and receive a report at the conclusion of the three courses. The Sponsor Liaison will provide specific contextual information to the cohort on your behalf through-out the 3 courses and support the recruitment of patient partners (cohort) and patient participants for the students' project.

Explore pacerinnovates.ca for further details or view a 3-minute video [here](#). For more information, please reach out to:

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PaCER Training Program

The course content is delivered by an instructor with extensive patient centered research experience. Students receive additional team support through PaCER graduates who themselves have gained post-PaCER research experience. The academic lead provides oversight on course content, delivery and research project supervision working in close collaboration with the Sponsor.

The PaCER certificate program includes the following 3 courses reflecting specific aspects of the unique participatory action-based research methodology including three phases: **SET, COLLECT, REFLECT.**

Courses

THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS IN PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

Introduction to theoretical foundations related to Salutogenesis — a health research theory that focuses on factors that support human health and well-being, rather than disease. The course describes approaches to engage patients and communities in health research.

CPE 221 | 40 Hours | Online

Dates: Jan. 10 - March 25, 2022

Live Sessions: Wednesdays | 4 - 7 p.m. MST

Weekly Team Sessions: Thursdays | 4 - 5 p.m. MST

PRACTICUM IN RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION SKILLS IN PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

In course 2, students practice basic qualitative research approaches. During this course, students work on their research proposals based on previous co-design work done in course 1, and prepare to submit the ethics application.

CPE 219 | 40 Hours | Online

Dates: April 4 - June 10, 2022

Live Sessions: Wednesdays | 4 - 7 p.m. MST

Weekly Team Sessions: Thursdays | 4- 5 p.m. MST

Course Based Ethics: May 27

INTERNSHIP IN CONDUCTING PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

During course 3, students conduct a research project working closely with the Sponsors and academic supervisors.

CPE 220 | 80 Hours | Online/ field work

Dates: Sept. 6 - Dec. 17, 2022

Live Sessions: Wednesdays | 4 - 7 p.m. MST

Weekly Team Sessions: Thursdays | 4 - 5 p.m.

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