



About MedQUEST

MedQUEST is designed to provide first- and second-year medical students with a unique clinical-teaching experience within participating SWOMEN communities. Substantial benefits for Schulich students occur through observership with community preceptors, learning of practical skills (suturing, casting, triage, resuscitation), teaching/mentoring, acquiring leadership skills and participating in interprofessional education. Further, this dynamic elective contains a teaching component, which allows medical students to showcase their skills and knowledge to hundreds of rural and regional secondary students (grade 10 and 11) through a one-week comprehensive education program. Collaborating with community coordinators, area health care leadership, physicians and local first responders, medical students introduce program participants to a variety of health care careers. Educational opportunities include interactive workshops, unique job shadow placements, state-of-the-art simulator training, small group activities and participation in a trial community disaster exercise.

Rationale

MedQUEST is founded upon interprofessional education so that both Schulich medical students and program participants experience the connection between all health care providers, and witness how collaboration increases the quality of care for the residents of our partnering communities.

Our Goal

Early exposure to the practice of medicine can help influence student career plans, ultimately increasing their chance of successfully entering medical school or other allied health professions. Our goal is to encourage and prepare students for this program in a fun, creative and innovative way.

Impact

Unlike other programs that take high school students away from their home environments to outreach programs provided on-site within their urban, university setting, the MedQUEST

clinical-teaching program is delivered in the same communities the high school students call home.

For Application

For application to attend or more information MedQUEST visit www.medquestwestern.ca.

Deadline to apply is April 20, 2010