

HEALTH POLICY & KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITY

Department of Community Health & Epidemiology, Dalhousie

Graduate student practicum opportunity: Assessing and facilitating evidence use amongst Nova Scotia health policy analysts

Supervisor: Dr. Jill Hayden, Associate Professor, Dept. Community Health & Epidemiology, Dalhousie

Duration: 6 months, part-time (approximately April to October, 2017)

Summary:

This practicum will provide a highly-motivated Masters or PhD student in a health research graduate program in Nova Scotia with the opportunity to learn about the role of evidence in health policy making and to be broadly introduced to the fields of knowledge translation, implementation science, and health policy studies. The overall objectives of this practicum will be to understand local barriers to evidence use in health policy making and to identify opportunities to increase the use of evidence in the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW).

The student will participate in an ongoing research project designed to assess and support the use of evidence in policy making by DHW staff. In this practicum, the student will work with Faculty Advisor (Jill Hayden), DHW leadership and staff, and other stakeholders to help assess the current use of evidence by DHW policy staff and identify interventions that have the greatest potential to improve the use of health evidence.

Responsibilities will include:

- Refining a needs assessment survey targeted at DHW policy staff;
- Analyzing survey data;
- Identifying barriers to the use of evidence and strategies to overcome them.

The student will also work with staff from the NS site of Cochrane Canada and the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation to support the project.

Application deadline: April 1, 2017

Interested students are kindly asked to submit: 1. a cover letter highlighting your interests and fit of the practicum with your graduate program (no more than 2 pages), and 2. a copy of your current CV.

For more information, or to apply for this practicum opportunity, please contact Dr. Jill Hayden (jhayden@dal.ca)

