

# First Nations Community Education Program

## Host Community Application Form

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The First Nations Health Authority Northern Region and the UNBC Northern Medical Program have partnered to produce the First Nations Community Education Program, an opportunity for first and second year medical undergraduate students to visit and learn from northern First Nations communities.

The goals of this program are to:

- Enhance students' empathetic understanding of northern First Nations people and communities
- Enable cultural exchange and lay the ground-work for students considering working with First Nations communities in their future practice
- Improve First Nations' accessibility to high quality primary health care services
- Shift students' understanding of First Nations health from focus on deficits and disparities to strengths and resiliency

We are seeking host communities to participate in this innovative partnership that will provide students with a unique learning experience about First Nations communities in northern BC that will enhance and broaden their understanding of communities. As well, host communities and families will have an opportunity to host a cultural exchange and teachings about their community, culture and holistic health and wellness.

In all, a variety of communities will be selected from the North East, North Central and Northwest regions.

### **Are you interested in being a Host Community?**

- Do you have a Family available to host a pair of students for a three-night stay (the family will be financially supported to host student)?
- Do you have a Community Contact we can work with and regularly communicate with to plan for the student visits?
- Do you have activities in mind for students to participate in within community?
- Are you able to provide some cultural teachings and unique experiences that will help in students' growth and understanding of First Nations people?
- Can you provide an experience that may encourage students to consider working with and in northern communities in their future practice?

### **Application Form**

Please complete the form on the following pages if you are interested in being a host community.

If your community is interested and you have questions before submitting a hosting form, please contact us here:

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**LEGAL NAME OF HOST COMMUNITY**

*(as it should appear on cheque for community to support host families and related expenses to host students):*

**HOST COMMUNITY COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: *(include Postal Code)***

**LEAD COMMUNITY CONTACT: *(Whom we will be contacting in the lead up to event)***

Name:  
Email:  
Office Phone:  
Cell Phone:

**SECONDARY COMMUNITY CONTACT:**

*(In the event lead contact unavailable, next person we can reach)*

Name:  
Email:  
Office Phone:  
Cell Phone:

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HOST FAMILY STUDENT # 1 WILL STAY WITH**

Name:  
Email:  
Office Phone:  
Cell Phone:

(They will be contacted for an orientation call)

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HOST FAMILY STUDENT #2 WILL STAY WITH**

Name:  
Email:  
Office Phone:  
Cell Phone:

(They will be contacted for an orientation call)

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### COMMUNITY HOST ACTIVITIES

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**Please describe some of the activities you plan for students visiting your community:**

**Please send your completed application form to:**

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We would like to thank all communities who express interest to participate in this initiative. If your community is interested and you have questions, please contact us here:

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