The Professional Consultants’ Role

As a professional consultant, you will be fielding questions from two groups of learners from a variety of health/social care programs engaged in an interprofessional education activity at Memorial. The focus of the discussion between you, the learners, and a facilitator trained by Memorial will be the provision of team-based health/social care; specifically, the role of the different professionals you have experience with and the way health/social care teams function.

Frequently asked questions:

What time do I have to be at the activity, and where?

All professional consultants will meet with a CCHPE Staff Member at 1:30 pm on Friday, September 20th, 2019. We will meet in the Faculty of Medicine on Clinch Crescent in St. John’s. We’ll provide all information you need there.

What is this activity all about?

IPE Team Functioning is the first of four topics in the IPE Skills Training Series. The main objective for this topic is to enable learners to recognize and understand how team dynamics, interprofessional roles, and cultural competence all impact patient/client safety and outcomes.

Is being a professional consultant the same thing as being and IPE facilitator?

No. IPE facilitators stay with a team of learners for a series of organized activities, guiding them through several IPE learning sessions. Professional consultants make only a 90-minute commitment to take part in a short conversation with learners about your personal experiences with interprofessional collaborative health/social care practice.

Do I have to prepare a formal presentation for students?

No formal presentation is needed. Learners will be expecting to hear about your own professional scope of practice, some of the other professionals you work with, and some of the benefits and challenges from your own experiences working in interprofessional health/social care settings. You may wish to consider your perspectives and come prepared with a 5-minute description to get the discussion started. The interviews are meant to be casual and conversational.

When will we finish?

The professional consultant interviews should be complete by 3:00pm. If you wish to share your experiences with CCHPE and your fellow consultants, a staff member will be available for a group discussion following the interviews.

Am I on my own with the students who will be interviewing me?

No. A trained facilitator will be with you in the room to help moderate the discussion and keep track of time.

Who can I talk to for more information?

You can contact Adam Reid, IPE Coordinator, for more info via email (adam.reid@med.mun.ca), phone (864-4901) or text message (709-699-2658).