

Graduate Research Assistant Opportunity
Casual Research Position (2 Positions)
Rural and Remote Nursing Education

Position start date: December 1, 2024

Overview: This research position will support a funded scoping review within a research program examining educational opportunities for rural and remote nurses in Canada. Using a Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) approach for this scoping review, the team will map the literature on educational opportunities to advance the scope of practice for rural and remote-regulated nursing professions in Canada. Findings from this review will aid us in understanding the educational opportunities available to rural and remote nurses and identify barriers and supports to these educational opportunities. This project is part of a larger research program for successful healthcare professional transition.

Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

The project involves working closely with the research team to conduct a scoping review using a JBI approach.

The primary job duties of the graduate research assistant (GRA) will include appraising qualitative and quantitative research. Following training, the GRA is expected to be able to comprehend and extract data from research to be analyzed by the larger research team. They are expected to contribute to disseminating results by developing presentations and writing research manuscripts.

The successful candidate will work with and directly report to Dr. Kristin Petrovic and team members Dr. Venise Bryan, Dr. Kathleen Leslie, and Dr. Georgia Dewart at Athabasca University. The candidate will be provided adequate training for all activities, including using a JBI approach, using evidence, and general data collection, management, and analysis practices. Furthermore, the GRA will be trained in the dissemination process, such as developing presentations and manuscripts. The successful candidate will gain valuable experience in conducting a scoping review, disseminating results, and co-authorship as applicable.

This is a casual position with flexibility in hours. It is anticipated to be between 2 and 3 hours per week throughout the study. The rate of pay is commensurate with experience and collective agreement provisions. All duties can be completed remotely.

Qualifications:

1. Undergraduate degree required
2. Experience as a rural or remote nurse is preferable but not required
3. Competence in reviewing and appraising quantitative and qualitative research
4. Strong writing skills
5. Ability to work remotely
6. Experience with manuscript preparation
7. Completion of TCPS 2.0 CORE module, an asset
8. Demonstrates confidence and maturity in interpersonal relationships
9. Ability to be flexible, respond to changing priorities and meet deadlines
10. Demonstrate initiative and be self-motivated while knowing when to seek help
11. Excellent organizational, oral and written communication skills
12. Ability to maintain confidentiality of records and information
13. Ability to work both independently and as part of a team

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Kristin Petrovic at kpetrovic@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter summarizing your skills, interests, and experience; a current resume or curriculum vitae; an unofficial copy of your transcript; and the contact information for 2 references.

Applications will be evaluated immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. All applicants are thanked for their interest in this position; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. We are committed to employment equity and encourage applications from women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

For more information on this Graduate Research Assistant Opportunity, please contact Dr. Petrovic at the coordinates below.

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