

Become Involved in Patient & Community Engaged Research

Complete the Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) Training Program and add your voice to health research projects, planning, and policy.

If you have lived experience with a health condition, you may be interested in becoming a PaCER researcher through the PaCER Training Program.

The Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) Training Program teaches learners how to conduct research with, by and for patients in their communities. PaCER enables learners to share their lived experience and incorporate patient led, peer-to-peer research evidence into health system planning, policy, and practice improvement.

Why get involved

Join this program if you are:

- Living with various health conditions and would like to use your lived experience to work on research that can inform health system planning and health promotion
- Open to learning about patient-engagement and participatory research
- Interested in conducting patient-engaged health research

What do PaCER researchers do?

By completing the certificate-based PaCER Training Program, you become connected to a large network of professionals who work on research projects related to patient and community-engaged research. **As a PaCER trained researcher you may become involved in the following ways:**

- Join research teams to engage patients in health research
- Work as a patient engagement researcher in healthcare, health charities, clinics, and patient education
- Consult with healthcare teams, decision-making bodies and funding panels
- Share results of patient-engaged research through presentations and publications

PaCER graduates may work on health research projects and on patient-oriented research teams. PaCER graduates are supported through the Alberta Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (AbSPORU)* Patient Engagement Team based at the University of Calgary.

* For information about AbSPORU visit absporu.ca



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PaCER Training Program

Offered through the University of Calgary Continuing Education, the Certificate in Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) is a three-course, experience-based learning program that teaches 160 hours of patient and community engagement research content over twelve months.

PaCER enables patients and community members to share their lived experiences and incorporate patient-informed research evidence into health system planning, policy, and practice improvement. PaCER courses are facilitated online and access to a computer and reliable internet connection are course requirements.

Courses

THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS IN PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

CPE 221 | 40 Hours | Online

Jan. 11–March 27, 2023

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:00–6:30pm MST

The first course teaches theoretical foundations in theories related to salutogenesis — a health research theory that focuses on factors that support human health and well-being, rather than disease. The course also focuses on the patient narrative and patient and community engagement research.

PRACTICUM IN RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION SKILLS IN PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

CPE 219 | 40 Hours | Online

April 17–June 26, 2023

July–August Ethics Period

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:00–6:30pm MST

The second course teaches co-design and qualitative research methods. Learners will apply their learning by submitting a research ethics protocol based on their proposed research project and co-design work.

INTERNSHIP IN CONDUCTING PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

CPE 220 | 80 Hours | Online/field work

Sept.6–Dec.13, 2023

Wednesdays

5:00–8:00pm MST

The final course requires learners to answer a specific research question by conducting a team based research project with a group of patients.

Online Learning Resources

Your course content will be delivered using Desire2Learn (D2L), the University of Calgary learning management system. Live online synchronous sessions will take place via Zoom.

Tuition

Teams of 4-6 learners are sponsored by research teams, Alberta Health Services, patient and community organizations and others. To learn more about sponsoring a team of learners please connect with:

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