

How does **The CARE Course** come to our community?

Initial contact with **The CARE Course** (info@theCAREcourse.ca) usually comes from a local nurse, pre-hospital provider or physician.

For this course to work effectively in a community, it requires the participation of *all three professional groups – nurses, pre-hospital providers and physicians*. We ask that a representative from each of the three professions be part of the planning team (“*Local Community Coordinators*” - “*Lo-Co-Co's*” :) that facilitates **The CARE Course** coming to your community. This tripartite team of *Lo-Co-Co's* helps arrange the venue and catering, initiate contact with potential local participants and manage some of the other local details, in conjunction with **The CARE Course** faculty, who make most of the other arrangements for the course delivery.

Further details regarding venue, equipment, etc., can be found in the Community Coordinators' document. Close communication between **The CARE Course** and the community occurs in the weeks leading up to the course, to ensure maximum benefit to participants. **The CARE Course** has experience in arranging and delivering the course and is prepared to help at every step of the process.

We usually ‘book’ communities 8-12 months in advance. Most communities prefer courses to run on a Saturday – Sunday for convenience of busy providers, and availability of space in their facilities, but we are open to courses on any two days of the week.

Cost

Each community determines the ideal way to fund the delivery of **The CARE Course**. In many communities in BC, the physicians apply a portion of their community 'reverted CME/CPD' funds to cover the majority of the costs. It is generally accepted that non-physician participants do not have access to CPD funds, so it is customary *not* to charge either group a significant amount of money to attend the course. Nurses and pre-hospital providers are sometimes asked to contribute to the course costs, either by nominal registration fees, or gifts-in-kind (providing some of the course snacks, etc.) In some communities, the Health Authority generously provides support for the nurses' attendance, either by covering their registration fees, providing time off, paid attendance and/or back-fill of shifts.

In BC, **The CARE Course** is fortunate to have the financial support of the JSC (Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues – partnership of Doctors of BC and Ministry of Health) and the organizational support of RCCbc (Rural Coordination Centre of BC). These two organizations, along with REAP (Rural Education Action Plan) permit **The CARE Course** to keep the community's total cost of the course to \$24,000, for 24 participants. This includes shipping of equipment, all faculty expenses, materials, etc. There is an additional cost for groups larger than 24 participants, and this can be discussed with the **The CARE Course** at the time of planning. Course catering is also a separate expense.

We are always happy to chat to people about helping **The CARE Course** come to a community. Please be in touch!!