

RURAL PRACTICUM PROGRAM

FAQ



What is the Rural Practicum Program?

The Rural Practicum Program provides financial support for student teachers who complete their final teaching practicum in a rural Alberta school authority; it provides an opportunity for student teachers to make connections with potential employers. Teacher preparation institutions identify interested student teachers and determine candidates for rural field experiences. Successful candidates receive a stipend from Alberta Education for their rural practicum placement.

How much funding is offered?

Student teachers who meet the criteria (see below) could receive \$2,000. Student teachers who take their final practicum in Fort Chipewyan could receive \$4,000.

What is the funding for?

The purpose of the program is to help students with the costs of accommodation and transportation.

Why does the program exist?

Alberta Education is working with education faculties, school authorities, and other education partners to address the shortage of teachers in rural Alberta. As a part of this effort, the Rural Practicum Program encourages students to discover the benefits of teaching in rural Alberta.

How do I apply?

Contact the faculty member at your university who coordinates the practicum placement/field experience program for application forms and further information. Complete your application and return it to your field experience coordinator. To be eligible, your rural practicum placement:

- should be at least 150 kilometers, one way, from your teacher preparation institution, and
- may be in northern Alberta.

What happens if I do not complete my rural practicum?

Funding must be returned by students who do not successfully complete their rural practicum.

Who do I contact for further information?

For more information or to apply, contact your Field Experience/Practicum Coordinator.

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