

**Expression of Interest Application Form  
Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) - Funded Clinician Education &  
Capacity Building Opportunities**



The Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Regional Addiction Program (RAP), Overdose Emergency Response (OER) team and BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) are committed to building capacity amongst care providers to prescribe and support patients in accessing Opioid Agonist Treatments (OAT). VCH funding is currently available to access Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program (POATSP) training. If you are a MD, NP, Resident, or Psychiatrist interested in accessing training to become an OAT prescriber; or an RN, LPN, RPN, or Pharmacist interested in expanding your OAT knowledge please complete and email this completed form to [eatnetwork@vch.ca](mailto:eatnetwork@vch.ca)

**The Program:** POATSP is a comprehensive training program geared towards OAT prescribers, including both physicians and nurse practitioners, however, all health care providers (e.g. nurses, SUP, AUP, P, pharmacists, social workers, counselors, etc.) can benefit from the online education modules. Completing this course is the first step in the authorization process for clinicians wishing to prescribe OAT for the treatment of opioid use disorder. For those not eligible to prescribe at this time, learners are able to complete the online content.

Funding for these opportunities is limited. Selected applicants will be financially compensated for their time. **Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis but will be considered first come, first serve.** Processing time can take approximately a month. Training is expected to be completed within 3 months following invite offer. Extensions can be requested and processed on a case by case basis.

**Training for Physicians and Nurse Practitioners (Eligible to prescribe)**

- Completion of 10-14 hours of online module work
- Completion of 2 half-day (4 hours per day) preceptorship

**Training for RN,LPN,RPN, Pharmacists (NOT eligible to prescribe)**

- Completion of 10-14 hours of online module work

**Priority will be given to clinicians who can take on clients immediately upon completion of training and who are:**

- Physicians or AUP working in family medicine, emergency medicine or in a treatment facility
- Nurses SUP or AUP working within an addictions clinic setting
- Psychiatrists
- Pharmacists
- Family Practice and Emergency department Residents, in the senior years of residency and who will reside and work in the VCH Region upon completion of residency
- The above who are located in under-served areas of the VCH Region e.g. Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky, Bella Bella and Bella Coola If your Health Authority is not within the VCH Region, you will not be eligible for funding from this program. Please consider contacting your HA directly about training available or we can try to connect you with the appropriate person if you email [eatnetwork@vch.ca](mailto:eatnetwork@vch.ca).

Please fill out the following information on page 1 and 2 of this form as clear as you can:

**First name:**

**Surname:**

**Preferred name:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Referred by:**

(Only if applicable)

**Type of practice:**

(E.g. family practice, addictions clinic, primary care clinic, hospital, treatment centre etc.)

**Clinical designation:**

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|------------|------------------------|----|----------|-----|-----|
| MD         | NP                     | RN | Resident | LPN | RPN |
| Pharmacist | Other (Please specify) |    |          |     |     |

**Location(s)/City where you practice:**

**(Must practice within VCH Region)**

**Please fill out the following information below as clear as you can:**

**Will you be able to begin taking on new OAT clients immediately upon completion of training? If no, please explain below.**

**Yes**

**No**

**Are you a VCH employee?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Briefly detail why you are interested in this particular capacity building opportunity at this time.**

*What are you interested in learning?*

*How will training enable you to better support or take on more clients?*

*If you are an employee of VCH, please detail where and in what capacity.*

*Specify if you will be providing shared care or locuming for OAT providers.*

**Please confirm that you have NOT previously completed the Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program (POATSP)**

**Yes** I have completed POATSP before.

**No** I haven't and would like to apply for POATSP.

If you answered Yes and would be interested in a **5 or 10 day Customized OAT Clinical Rotation**, and you are eligible, please email [ogatnetwork@vch.ca](mailto:ogatnetwork@vch.ca) explaining the rationale for your interest in a Custom Rotation and the skills you would like to learn and your interest will be considered by VCH & BCSSU.

A Clinical Nurse Educator may also wish to contact you in regards to the above opportunity or in relation to POATSP; please let us know if you are interested in being contacted.

**Yes** Please contact me

**No**, I would rather not be contacted.

**Please indicate how you heard about this opportunity:**

Division of Practice

BCSSU

VCH Network

Dine and Learn

Colleague

Other (Please specify)

If you would like to explore other training opportunities, the **BCSSU Addictions Care Training Online Certificate (ACTOC) training** has many modules that are suitable for both clinicians and allied health professionals. The training is also now a funded online opportunity, which you can apply for by emailing [ogatnetwork@vch.ca](mailto:ogatnetwork@vch.ca) and asking for an application form.

Please email completed form to: [ogatnetwork@vch.ca](mailto:ogatnetwork@vch.ca)