

BUILDING CULTURAL SAFETY IN NORTHERN BC

Honouring, documenting, and promoting rural, northern, and Indigenous ways of knowing and being in healthcare: [by the numbers.](#)

Cultural Agility: A partnership grant between HARC and Northern Health, funded by SSHRC and CIHR



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CULTURAL SAFETY TRAINEES

In art galleries and lecture halls, in hospital training rooms and community halls, the Cultural Agility Grant has delivered arts-based cultural safety and humility training to 288 current and future healthcare professionals, including physicians, social workers, nurses, health healthcare policy workers, and health administrators.

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INDIGENOUS YOUTH FOR TOMORROW

Healthcare needs more Indigenous healthcare professionals, especially and including Indigenous healthcare professionals from northern British Columbia. We know this starts with EARLY INSPIRATION. Through our partnership we've touched 125 Indigenous youth with our "Creative Wellness at Home for Indigenous Youth from Northern BC" Series. The series is designed to inspire more Indigenous youth into healthcare.

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EDUCATING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Twelve undergraduate medical students participated in the "First Nations Community Education Program" (FNCEP). A core goal of FNCEP is to enhance medical students' social accountability and responsibility competencies, including cultural sensitivities and capacities toward northern First Nations people and communities. 20+ medical students are waitlisted for the next two years.

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Knowledge translation and dissemination is vital to honouring and promoting unique ideas and solutions facing healthcare professionals. Members of our team have delivered key-notes, published journal papers, completed graduate thesis's, written book chapters, and penned public media comments ALL broadly addressing culturally safe practices for northern British Columbia.

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TRAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONELLE

From Indigenous mentees to masters students, from post-doctoral fellows to PhD researchers, from Family Practice residents to honours undergrad students, the Cultural Agility partnership grant between HARC and Northern Health, funded by SSHRC and CIHR, has supported a rich group of highly trained personal in the realm of cultural safety for northern British Columbia.

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SUSTAINABILITY AND FUNDING

Amazing work needs ongoing support and funding. Our partnership has generated a grant application for 12 million dollars to transform medical education in Canada. We are awaiting news on the next steps. Members of our research team have partnered on two other successful grants addressing health inequities broadly.

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SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

Today's research must be translated into web-based and social media platforms. Between ~July 1st 2019-Oct. 2020, HARC and our projects on the HARC website had 5,003 new users, 6,419 sessions (number of times a user opened the site), and 16,557 pageviews (number of pages viewed).

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NEXT YEAR'S PROJECTS?

We have 4 (four) big initiatives set for 2021. We are excited to start planning our "Anti-Colonial Health Care in a Box" series. We are looking forward to launching a pilot of the Empathy Books program with one northern First Nation. We are working with the Rural Coordination Centre of BC to develop ongoing cultural safety professional development for healthcare professionals. And we will continue with outreach to Indigenous youth, the Community Education Program, and our ongoing cultural safety training across northern BC.



FOR MORE DETAILS ON WHAT'S HAPPENED BETWEEN~JULY 1ST 2019-OCT. 2020, VISIT:
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