

Supervisor Role/Expectations TUTOR-PHC

1. Symposium

The symposium is a three day on-site component of TUTOR-PHC. Your participation in this symposium serves a dual purpose: 1) capacity building in primary health care research at the faculty level and 2) support for the trainee from someone familiar with their area of research. Your participation is mandatory.

You will be an active participant in the symposium. There is one afternoon in which you will meet separately (no trainees) with the other supervisors and a facilitator to discuss your thoughts on TUTOR-PHC, the symposium and interdisciplinary primary health care research in general

The third day of the symposium is optional for supervisors but we encourage you to stay for the whole event if you can.

Your role during the lab discussion group meetings at the symposium is that of observer/clarifier.

2. On-line lab discussion groups

Trainees participate in 12 weeks of on-line discussion during their year with TUTOR-PHC. During this time they will facilitate one week in the fall and one week in the winter. You are asked to be on-line during the weeks your student is facilitating.

Supervisors should be

- on-line AT LEAST for the presentation by their trainee;
- available to their trainee should he/she have any questions regarding the project discussions that may require input before the trainee posts a response.

Supervisors are welcome to sit in on all discussions but are asked to minimize their involvement so as to stimulate trainees to take the lead.

3. Overall

Keeping informed of the involvement of the trainee in TUTOR-PHC and how that involvement impacts (or not) the student's research goals is important.

Our main goal is to increase the number and quality of researchers pursuing a career in interdisciplinary primary health care research.

Being involved in TUTOR-PHC offers networking opportunities for both the supervisor and the trainee and it is our hope that collaborative research projects are a result of this training opportunity.