

What is this about?

Students will learn about working in interdisciplinary teams while finding out what continuing care in Alberta is all about. The classes will be facilitated by an interdisciplinary team of individuals.

What will students learn?

IntD410 – Continuing Care Stream will provide students with exposure to interdisciplinary teamwork through interaction with real teams from various continuing care situations in Edmonton and rural Alberta.

The students will learn about Excel Society's harm reduction program. They will experience the harm reduction workshop health providers at Excel Society go through and then work as a team to admit "Mr. Mysenko" to the facility.

Students will learn about shared decision making. They will learn about "putting the P.I.E.C.E.S. together" as they hear about assessing individuals with complex physical and cognitive/mental health needs and behavioural changes. (P.I.E.C.E.S = Physical, Intellectual, Emotion, Capabilities, Environment, and Social).

An expert on dementia will talk about the types of dementia, the behaviours each dementia presents, and the impact of dementia on the continuing care sector.

Students will have the opportunity to talk about ethical issues in continuing care with a Clinical Ethicist and then discuss ethical case scenarios with their team. In the same class, students will talk with an expert on intimacy and the disabled and elderly.

Students will work with "June Carlson" and "Joshua Smith" as they wend their way through the continuing care spectrum.

What did students say about the CC stream last year?

"It is much more interesting than the average stream."

"I had a practicum at a long term care centre and I really enjoyed this class, so continuing care is an area of interest (which never was before, I had no idea I would like it so much)."

"Being able to work with one group throughout the course was beneficial than having a different group every week. I loved having the practice patient conferences. It allowed me to build up my experience and knowledge of how to have a patient conference."

"Patients, families and other colleagues in this field are pleasant and enjoyable. Before I was hesitant about working in long term care since I wasn't sure if patients would be able to improve, or would deteriorate more. Now I know the goal for many patients is improvement."

"I think that regardless of what we end up doing, continuing care will be important, and I enjoyed learning about continuing care."

"I found it nice to have different guest speakers come in to explain more about what they do in the community and how an interprofessional team can help in different areas."

