



HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE NURSES
LOCAL 10

CFNU PRAIRIE LABOUR SCHOOL
Canmore, Alberta
June 3 - 5, 2012

The purpose of attending would be to network with other nursing unions from all across the Prairies, to explore and discuss emerging nursing and labour issues that impact all of our members.

Provincial MNU will fund (1) one spot. Included in funding: conference registration fees, salary replacement, transportation, accommodation and meals as per the MNU Handbook Policies.

Session 1

Balancing Professional Responsibilities & Union Opportunities

Being a nurse and an active union member is not incompatible. This course will walk you through those issues that most often cause moral distress. We will work towards finding some practical solutions that you can take back to your workplace. We will cover topics such as having difficult conversations, understanding and using nursing standards of practice to improve your work life, recognizing and responding to conflicts of interest, and effectively dealing with nurse to nurse disputes.

Session 2

Nurse to Patient Ratios

Nurses and their unions have struggled to address nursing workload and ways to improve patient safety and quality of patient care. One approach is the use of "nurse to patient ratios". Some "nurse to patient ratios" have been bargained and other have been legislated. In this workshop, we will have the opportunity to participate in discussions of the merits and challenges of applying this strategy to our Canadian health system.

Session 3

Life After the Labour Movement:
Are Unions Still Relevant ?

Imagine our world without the existence of Unions and the Labour Movement. This workshop will explore what rights workers have won and what threats workers face today and into the future. Throughout the session we will explore the relevance of unions and the impact on society as a result of the labour movement.

Registration Form

First name: _____ Last name: _____

P.O. Box number/street address _____

City/town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Deadline for Registration: **MARCH 23, 2012**

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE