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## NICHE Concept

- **A one-stop shopping analogy providing resources (courses, practica, research initiatives, certificates, programs, workshops, communications) to NICHE shoppers (pre and post-licensure health professionals, students in health related disciplines, paraprofessionals)**

# Niche

**Curriculum**

**Education**

**Placement**

**Resources**

**Research**

**Continuing  
Professional  
Development**

## Overview of the Project

- **Secure Human Resources: Director and Placement Coordinator**
- **Create Pan Northern Advisory Committee**
- **Support proposed or ongoing NICHE Projects**
  - 13 pre-licensure projects
  - 2 practicum projects
  - 2 continuing education projects
  - Other IPE grants: FLIC, SPICE etc.

**Pre-licensure  
Education**

**Practicum Component**

**Continuing  
Education for Health  
Professionals**

**Academic  
Programs  
Courses  
Seminars  
Lectures  
Self-Instruction**

*Integrative*  
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*Reflective*

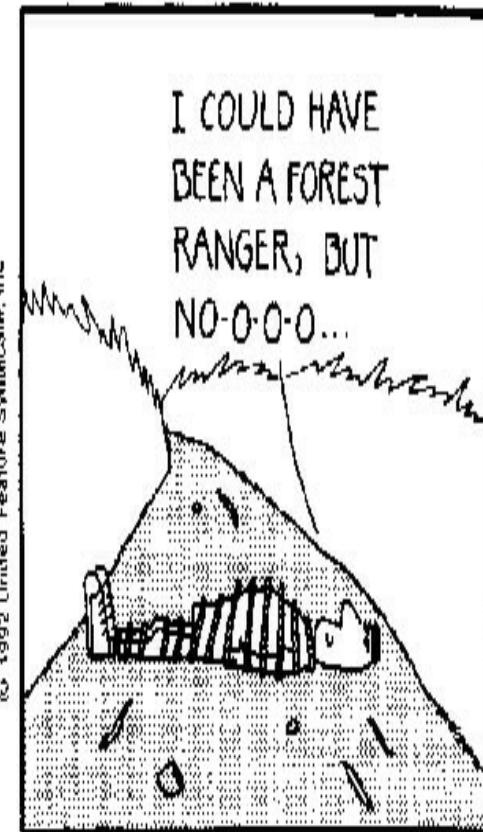
**Patient-Care Settings  
Home Care  
Retirement Communities  
Outpatient Clinics  
Hospital  
Hospice**

**Integrate  
curriculum into  
clinical settings  
housing existing  
or developing  
teams via  
continuing  
education for  
health  
professionals**

**Evaluation**

**Improvements in Learner Outcomes  
(Attitudes, Team Dynamics,  
Knowledge and Skills)  
Improvements in Patient Outcomes  
Improvements in Capacity Building**

# Teamwork in practice



## Challenges

- **Communication: NICHE, website, media, committees, networking, LHINS etc.**
- **Curriculum logistics: innovative multimedia distance education technology & flexible learning packages**
- **Preserving professional identity while building IP competency: integration**

## Some sample courses

- **Inquiry into Interprofessional Health Education**
- **IPE and Wellness**
- **Native Nurse/NOSM team placements in Aboriginal communities**

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