

# RxFiles Academic Detailing

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## Academic Detailer – Battlefords/Meadow-Lake

(Contract Position ~ 0.1 FTE)

### Description

**Primary Purpose:** The *RxFiles* is Saskatchewan's academic detailing service whose mandate is to provide evidence informed, objective, comparative drug information and promote optimal drug therapy. The service considers available evidence and clinical experience, synthesizes into practical information resources. Information is then delivered to physicians, pharmacists and nurse practitioners via academic detailing discussions, conference presentations and printed/digital educational materials.

**Nature of Work:** As an academic detailer, working from your home, you will be responsible for directly communicating information to physicians and other health professionals in the Battlefords-Meadow Lake area. You will work with family physicians, medical specialists, pharmacists and nurse practitioners in helping to deliver educational outreach throughout the Battlefords/Meadow Lake area. You will bring a high level of skill towards the art of drug therapy decision making.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills will be critical. In addition to the core academic detailing service RxFiles resources are utilized to support other areas of health care. Bringing initiative and adaptability will help in leveraging the output and impact of RxFiles' core service. The ability to efficiently build effective collaborative networks (e.g. with health care professionals in SK) and oversee local service delivery will be critical.

### **Accountabilities:**

- ensures that the vision and goals of RxFiles are supported
- proficient teaching/training skills (e.g. student supervision, small group facilitation, conference presentations)
- value, contribute to, and communicate effectively within an interdisciplinary environment
- high level of adaptability, flexibility and organization
- commitment to continuing professional development
- provide leadership, plan and carry out responsibilities locally with minimal supervision
- use vehicle for work related appointments (i.e. academic detailing)
- contribute to the ongoing development and/or review of RxFiles resource materials
- avoidance of direct conflicts of interest with pharmaceutical commercial interests
- Annual measurable goals include:
  - To deliver 2 or more academic detailing sessions to local providers, annually
  - To provide quarterly reports that accurately reflect program reach, opportunities and challenges
  - To assist in successfully networking with provider groups and education groups in Saskatchewan (e.g. CFPC-SK, CPSS, CME, RN(NP), Pharmacy CPDP) and to support pertinent conferences and initiatives

### **Qualifications:**

#### **Education and Experience:**

- Baccalaureate degree in Pharmacy or related clinical field. Additional training/experience in epidemiology, critical appraisal, knowledge transfer and evidence informed medicine as it relates to drug therapy would be an asset.
- A minimum of 3 years of education/training/experience in a relevant related field (preferably in a setting with frequent pharmacotherapy and inter-professional interactions)
- Formal training and experience in academic detailing/educational outreach would be an asset.
- Professional qualifications and/or experience associated with an advanced level of practice in clinical drug therapy decision making would be an asset.

**Licenses:**

- Eligible for professional licensure {e.g. with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP)}

**Skills:**

- Critical thinking and problem solving skills for practical clinical decision making
- Solid therapeutics knowledge base
- Demonstrated ability to provide balanced discussions of controversial issues
- Excellent communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with physicians, pharmacists and nurses in therapeutic decision making.
- Demonstrated ability to build service and credibility in the provision of health information and/or primary care
- Good knowledge of computer applications, especially Microsoft Office applications.
- Experience in mobile and web application of relevant information support would be an asset.

Those interested in applying should forward a resume/CV to Loren Regier ([Loren.RxFiles@usask.ca](mailto:Loren.RxFiles@usask.ca)).

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