

The RTT Collaborative¹: Participation or Sponsorship Requirements and Benefits

A rural health professions education network and a cooperative extension service

The RTT Collaborative (RTTC, or the “Collaborative”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and board directed entity with program participants, individual and institutional financial sponsors, affiliated organizations, and income-generating service lines. The purpose of this organization is to sustain health professions education in rural places through mutual encouragement, peer learning, practice improvement, and the delivery of technical expertise, all in support of a quality rural workforce.

Participating Programs

The role of participating programs is to support core organizational functions such as communications, meeting support, and administration. Participating programs may include, but are not limited to the following examples:

1. An accredited rurally located² allopathic or osteopathic residency program
2. An urban located, rurally focused residency program
3. A medical school rural program, allopathic or osteopathic
4. An organization, academic institution, or a community or regional entity with a rural training program in any health profession
5. An organization engaged in planning for a rural health professions education or training program

In each case, it is the program that participates. Responsibilities include:

1. An initial and subsequent annual participation (“co-op”) fee paid to “The RTT Collaborative” due and payable July 1 of each academic year.
2. An annual program-relevant update for up to date network development and website maintenance, for research, and for organizational improvement

Although all rural medical education programs will benefit from the presence of an organization singularly devoted to the wellbeing of rural programs in general, formal participation in this collaborative as a participant or sponsor through an annual or multi-year participation fee supports important network infrastructure and provides benefits as outlined on our [website](#).

[Graded levels of sponsorship](#) include recognition for the cumulative contributions of a participating program as well as one-time and cumulative contributions from other supportive individuals and organizations.

Annual Participation Fee: \$2,750*

The participation fee is intended to apply to a single program, e.g. a rural program in medical school or a single accredited residency program. Residency participants, however, may be part of a formal or informal network of accredited programs (e.g. multiple programs under a single consortium sponsor, or a State association of programs). In an effort to encourage consortia formation or residency programs within a single State, an aggregating entity can be invoiced directly for all residency program participants within the same State, and the fee for each additional accredited program after the first will decrease to \$1,000 per program.

To download an application, go to the “[Join the Movement](#)” page of our website. Questions can also be directed to Dawn Mollica, Administrative Director, at mollicd1@ohio.edu or Randall Longenecker, Executive Director, at longenec@ohio.edu.

¹ Although “RTT” originally referred to a specifically defined and accredited “1-2 Rural Training Track,” it has become a moniker for any health professions education and training in rural places or with a rural focus.

² A rural location is defined as a county, census tract, or zip code with a rural-urban commuting area code (RUCA) of 4 or greater, a non-core based statistical area (non-CBSA) as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget, or a location defined as rural by any other two federal definitions (See “[Am I Rural?](#)” Tool).