

# Canadian Association of Allied Health Programs

Accelerating Change in Healthcare Education  
7 Challenges Healthcare Educators Want to Solve Right Now

May 2023 AGM &  
Conference Agenda



**Date:** Wednesday May 17 - Thursday May 18

**Start Time:** 8:00am

**Location:** Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in the Dow Theatre  
Dow theatre CAT-191 Main Floor CAT- Feltham Centre 11763 106 St NW Edmonton, AB T5G 2R1

## Day 1 Hybrid (In-Person/Virtual)

### Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 8:30am

### Welcome

8:30am - 8:45am | Michael Dumoulin, President, CAAHP

- Call to Order AGM
- President's Message
- Land Acknowledgement

### Opening Address

8:45am - 9:45am | Wendy Lawson, Associate Vice President Academic & Dean, Mohawk College

Reshaping the Educational Framework

### Health Break

9:45am - 10:00am

### Session 1: Fostering the Creation of an Agile Learning Space by Enabling Technology Integration in Health Programs

10:00am - 11:00am | Christy Taberner, Faculty & Simulation Coordinator, Mohawk College

Introducing the Rapid Response Team. The remote/virtual landscape has resulted in an urgent need for digital learning content creation. Providing support that enables creativity and an understanding of virtual platforms offers faculty the opportunity to enhance their academic deliveries while assessing needs, consulting on options for digital learning and quickly supporting the rapid creation of content. Working in close collaboration with faculty/faculty teams, the goal is to identify, recommend and create content using digital learning technologies.

### Session 2: Empowering Students Through Flexible Learning Pathways

11:00am - 12:00pm | Jennifer Figner, Interim Vice President Academic, BCIT

To keep pace with the growing demand for personalized learning pathways, health educators are challenged to design programs that address the explicit needs of our workforce in a dynamic and flexible format, fueling a transformative shift in education. By providing multiple entry points and progression routes between institutions, courses, or educational levels, we can accelerate the path to employment while improving recruitment and retention.

## Lunch Break: Networking & Group Tours of NAIT Simulation Centre

12:00pm - 1:15pm

## Session 3: Meaningfully Advancing Truth & Reconciliation

1:15pm - 2:15pm | Lesley McGuirk, Associate Dean, Nursing, Red River College & Tracey Brant, Associate Dean, Indigenous Education

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Within the context of truth & reconciliation, indigenization provides an opportunity for educators to incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing in the classroom. To support this paradigm shift, we must develop pedagogy for reconciliation aimed at recognizing and healing our historical truths.

## Session 4: Fostering Global Perspectives

2:15pm - 3:15pm | Julie Desrochers, Director of Global Education & Partnerships, NAIT & Leslie Weigl, Intercultural Specialist, NAIT

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In response to the changing socio-economic landscape, internationalization has become increasingly valuable particularly within the context of health education where patient outcomes are deeply influenced by cultural competence. By embedding global perspectives in policy development and program design, we can enrich the campus experience and provide enhanced supports for international students.

## Health Break

3:15pm - 3:30pm

## AGM Session: CAAHP Board Nomination and Voting

3:30pm - 3:45pm

## Group Tours of NAIT Simulation Centre

3:45pm - 4:45pm

## Evening Dinner at NAIT

6:15pm

## Day 2 (In-Person Only)

### Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 8:30am

### Session 5: Expanding the Scope of Inter-Professional Education

8:30am - 9:30am | Lisa George, Chair Laboratory & X-Ray Technology & Interprofessional Healthcare Education Lead, NAIT

During the height of COVID-19, the emergence of task-shifting became increasingly popular to optimize the use of existing healthcare staff. To further support this practice and foster collaborative team environments, health educators must overcome a number of institutional barriers and develop long-term strategies to meaningfully and sustainably integrate IPE experiences into programs of studies.

### Session 6: Responding to the Call: Leveraging Partnerships to Expedite Innovation in the Delivery of Health Programs

9:30am - 10:30am | Nicole Barron, Associate Dean Centre for Professional Advancement, Mohawk College

The existing health human resource crisis facing our Country is not new, but has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This presentation showcases an example of how post-secondary institutions can re-imagine traditional program approval, development and delivery processes to enable agile and responsive training solutions in the healthcare sector. Enabled by the Centre for Professional Advancement, Mohawk College will share best practice examples of working with partners to stand up just in time accelerated programs to meet immediate workforce skills gaps. The innovative models combined the strengths of the academic institution, the employer and the regulating authority to build and deliver a solutions-based approach to meet a community need.

### Health Break

10:30am - 10:45am

### Session 7: Diversifying Revenue Streams

10:45am - 11:45am | Kerri Oshust, Director, Centre for Advanced Medical Simulation, NAIT

In recent years, financial sustainability has become the single largest threat faced by universities and colleges alike. To address this growing challenge and support economic recovery, post-secondary institutions must critically examine the opportunities to leverage resources and identify new revenue streams. This talk offers a perspective on the administration of a Simulation Centre as an external revenue generator. The Centre for Advanced Medical Simulation at NAIT has a focus on aligning its vision and mission with its revenue diversification goals, in order to achieve a successful and sustainable business model. Offering high-quality, value-adding simulation services and programs that meet the needs of the target audience and generate positive outcomes.

## Lunch Break: World Café and Breakout Groups

11:45am - 1:00pm

Topic: Building Clinical Capacity

## Affiliates Updates

1:00pm - 2:00pm

## Synthesis: What's Next?: A Forward Thinking Approach

2:00pm - 3:00pm | Wendy Lawson, Associate Vice President Academic & Dean, School of Health & Community Services, Mohawk College

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Furthering the conversation through reflection and collaboration. This interactive session will seek to further explore the 7 challenges that healthcare educators want to solve right now, providing an opportunity to build on shared ideas and offer an inspirational environment to partner and co-design the next innovations to transform student learning in Allied Health programs.

## Announcement of New Board and Closing Remarks

3:00pm - 3:15pm

Adjournment of Conference

## First Meeting of the new CAAHP Board

3:15pm - 3:45pm