



2024 ANNUAL
**EDUCATION
CONFERENCE**

AGILITY IN ACTION

Transforming Challenges into Opportunities



(In-Person Event)
Thursday June 6 & Friday June 7
Collège La Cité, Ottawa, Ontario



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The Canadian Association of Allied Health Programs (CAAHP) is an affiliated group of Colleges and Institutions across Canada that represents unique professions in allied health and facilitates meaningful dialogue between programs to propel education forward. CAAHP supports members by providing valuable industry insights, news, learning, networking opportunities, and forums for sharing best practices.

Each year, the Canadian Association of Allied Health Programs hosts the National Education Conference, welcoming allied health professionals and educators across the country.

This annual event serves as a meeting ground for key leaders interested in exchanging perspectives. With a curated lineup of dynamic speakers and engaging sessions, the CAAHP Education Conference provides opportunities for real-time discussions, exploring the most relevant topics for Allied Health innovators & decision makers.

At the June 2024 Conference real-world application and practice will take centre stage as we delve into the intersection of adaptability and innovation. Together, we will spotlight how agility transforms challenges into opportunities, exploring current topics and concerns in allied health programs both for providers as well as decision makers. JOIN US as we welcome you to Ottawa!

The Conference will be hosted **in-person** on June 6th and 7th, 2024 at Collège La Cité in Ottawa, Ontario in the Amphitheater, Building E. Room E1150.

A block of hotels have been reserved at a discounted rate at the Courtyard by Marriot Ottawa East, 200 Coventry Road Ottawa, Ontario K1K 4S3.

[Book your group rate](#) or call 613-741-9862 and refer to code **CAA-N**

Last Day to Book: Monday, May 6, 2024

To register for the event, please [visit our website](#).

Register Now



DAY 1 AGENDA (THURSDAY JUNE 6)

Continental Breakfast

9:00am – 9:15am

Welcome

9:15am – 9:30am | Wendy Lawson, President, CAAHP

Opening Address & Theme Setting

9:30am – 10:15am | Wendy Lawson, President, CAAHP

In today's rigorous academic landscape, the convergence of academic performance, social pressures, and the looming uncertainties of the future present a myriad of mental health challenges demanding our attention. This conversation delves into the unique struggles faced by current students and sets the stage for sustainable solutions aimed at cultivating a stronger, more resilient academic community.

Networking Break

10:15am – 10:30am

Session 1: Supporting the International Student Experience

10:30am – 12:15pm | Thea Laidman, Mohawk College | Facilitated by Wendy Lawson

This presentation explores the importance and implementation of cross-institutional supports for international students highlighting key topics such as *Understanding the Needs of International Students*, *Best Practices in Cross-Institutional Support*, and *Cultivating Inclusive Campus Communities*. Participants will gain valuable insights, practical strategies, and actionable recommendations for developing and enhancing cross-institutional supports for international students within their own educational contexts.

Lunch Break

12:15pm – 1:30pm

Session 2: Make Mistakes: Creating Personal Tools and Techniques to Triumph

1:30pm – 2:30pm | Myka Taylor, Dawson College | Facilitated by Maxwell Jones

As educators it is our job to provide every student with the necessary resources, tools, guidance to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. This presentation highlights the speaker's personal educational journey with dyslexia and the support that helped her triumph. Together, let's explore how embracing mistakes, overcoming failures, and celebrating victories all help build resilience, self-advocacy, and growth.

Networking Break

2:30pm – 2:45pm

Session 3: Bridging Two Worlds - Inclusive Design in Clinical Education

2:45pm – 3:45pm | Cathy Roy, Dawson College | Facilitated by Maxwell Jones

In this session we'll explore how clinical placements and internships serve as vital links between education and professional practice, presenting a unique opportunity to advance thinking and practices in both environments. Join us as we spotlight practical toolkits and apply the UDL model in clinical settings to extend the flexible solutions they propose to the diverse range of students and future healthcare professionals in our programs.

Closing Remarks

3:45pm – 4:00pm | Wendy Lawson, President, CAAHP

Facility Tours

4:00pm

Group Dinner

6:00pm | [The Keg Steakhouse, 75 York Street, Ottawa](#)

DAY 2 AGENDA (FRIDAY JUNE 7)

Continental Breakfast

9:00am – 9:30am

AGM Session

9:30am – 10:00am | Facilitated by Michaël Dumoulin

Affiliate Updates

10:00am – 11:00am

Networking Break

11:00am – 11:15am

Session 4: Exploring Artificial Intelligence (Interactive)

11:15am – 1:15pm | Colette Leung & Natasja Saranchuk, The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Facilitated by Denise MacIver

In this interactive workshop, participants will embark on a journey to understand the fundamentals of generative AI, exploring its applications and implications for higher education. Whether you're an educator, researcher, or student, this session is designed to empower you with practical skills and insights that can be applied across various healthcare disciplines. **Bring your laptop or device** and join us for an inspiring and practical session that will leave you equipped with the knowledge and skills to harness the creative power of generative AI in the higher education landscape.

Lunch

12:00pm

Closing Remarks

1:15pm – 1:30pm | Wendy Lawson, President, CAAHP