



2025 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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REINVENT, REBUILD, RISE:
Navigating Transformation Together

Thursday May 22 & Friday May 23, 2025

The British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby, British Columbia



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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.

In these turbulent times, colleges are confronting unprecedented challenges as they navigate rapid changes in education, technology, and workforce demands. Recent policy shifts have significantly impacted institutional priorities, requiring colleges to respond quickly and make strategic decisions to ensure their continued success.

This year, we come together with a shared purpose: to explore innovative, collaborative solutions to address the complex realities of post-secondary education today. With a focus on shaping emerging roles, supporting underserved communities, and exploring the opportunities of AR/VR, our sessions will offer practical, scalable strategies that can be implemented by institutions of all sizes. Whether you're looking for actionable insights to bring back to your college or hoping to expand your professional network, this conference provides invaluable opportunities for growth, learning, and connection. Join us in the vibrant city of Burnaby as we navigate the future of allied health education.

The Conference will be hosted in-person on May 22 & 23, 2025 at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Burnaby, British Columbia.

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

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at a discounted rate at the Holiday Inn Express Metrotown 4405 Central Blvd Burnaby, BC for May 21-24.

[Reserve your room here](#) before April 1, 2025 to take advantage of the group rate.

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DAY 1 AGENDA (THURSDAY MAY 22)

Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:45am - 9:15am

Welcome

9:15am - 9:30am

Opening Address & Theme Setting

9:30am - 10:15am

The conceptual framework of Canada's Care Economy plays a critical role in shaping the landscape of allied health professions. As nearly half of Canadians engage in caregiving, the demand for skilled professionals to support both paid and unpaid care work is more urgent than ever. Today's keynote will explore the intersections between the care economy and allied health education, highlighting the growing need for a workforce equipped to tackle the sector's evolving challenges.

Networking Break

10:15am - 10:30am

Session 1:

10:30am - 12:15pm

As healthcare systems continue to face increasing pressure, emerging and hybrid roles are becoming essential to bridge gaps in the delivery of care. These innovative roles, combining skills across disciplines, offer new solutions to address workforce shortages, improve access, and enhance patient outcomes. Today, we will explore how allied health education can equip the next generation of healthcare professionals with the skills needed to thrive in these dynamic roles.

Lunch Break

12:15pm - 1:30pm

Session 2:

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Access to timely and culturally appropriate healthcare remains a significant challenge across the country. This session will bring together a panel of thought leaders to explore innovative approaches to training healthcare professionals, leveraging technology, and implementing workforce development strategies tailored to meet specific regional needs.

Networking Break

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Session 3:

2:45pm - 3:45pm

As clinical placements become increasingly competitive and complex, augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR) technologies offer innovative solutions to enhance hands-on learning experiences. This session will explore how innovations in AR/VR is transforming clinical education, overcoming placement challenges, and preparing students for the evolving demands of healthcare practice.

Closing Remarks

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

PRISM Workshop/Tour

4:00pm

Cocktail Hour & Group Dinner

6:00pm | Location TBD

DAY 2 AGENDA (FRIDAY MAY 23)

Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:45am - 9:30am

AGM Session

9:30am - 10:00am

Affiliate Updates

10:00am - 11:30am

Networking Break

11:30am - 11:45am

Session 4:

11:45am - 12:45pm

Join us for a discussion on how colleges and institutes can navigate major federal policy changes, particularly the reforms to the International Student Program. We'll explore how these shifts impact institutional priorities, how CICA is engaging members institutions to develop strategies and approaches to adapt, and what the broader policy landscape means for the future of postsecondary education.

Lunch Break

12:45pm - 1:30pm

Conversation Café - Solve My Problem

1:30pm - 2:15pm