**EDUCATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The ESP is a leadership development program for educators of health professionals offered by the Centre for Faculty Development at St. Michael’s Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine

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**CURRICULUM GOALS**

- To develop scholarly health professional educators and faculty developers
- To grow a community of practice and link to existing communities of educators

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**THE CURRICULUM**

As the ESP embraces an evolving curriculum design model, each cohort experiences a curriculum that is uniquely designed and adapts to the needs of the Scholars, sponsoring departments and the current educational environment. Participants meet for class on Tuesday afternoons in the Li Ka Shing building at St. Michael’s Hospital for two academic years and cover topics under each of the three program themes:

• Teaching Excellence and Curriculum Design
• Education Scholarship
• Education Leadership and Career Development

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**SUCCESSES ATTRIBUTED TO ESP**

As a result of the ESP, our Scholars have reported a number of successes:

• New education leadership roles in health professional education committees and organizations at the local and national level
• Development and implementation of educational products, curricula and innovations
• Development and leadership of faculty development activities
• Educational scholarship grants
• Educational scholarship presentations at peer-reviewed meetings and publications

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**WHAT SCHOLARS ARE SAYING ABOUT ESP**

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**... ABOUT TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

‘My ability to recognize teaching excellence in others, and in myself has advanced significantly since starting the course’

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**... ABOUT PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY**

‘My professional identity has changed completely since starting the course. I identify myself first as an educator rather than as a clinician. I have come to recognize that much of my career, even my clinical career, has focused on the power of education and sharing knowledge for myself, peers and students.’

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**... ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

*The ESP whet my appetite for further work in the education field. It was truly a fantastic learning opportunity and have recommended the program to several colleagues with an interest in professional education.*

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**... BEYOND THE CURRICULUM**

‘To be in a room with other people who are passionate about education, change, the psychology of the learner and curriculum is incredibly gratifying and stimulating. It’s so, so nice to belong to a community, finally.’

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**WANT FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

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*Application forms and support materials are available at: cfd.utoronto.ca/ESP*