

# UGME NEWS

November 2022

Your guide to the latest news from the  
McMaster University Undergraduate  
Medical Education Program

*Educating and inspiring future physicians to improve health and well-being for all through clinical excellence, innovation, scholarship, leadership, and social accountability.*

## TOP STORIES:



### Happy Holidays

Happy holidays to everyone in our UGME community! As 2022 draws to a close, we want to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication to our program.

UGME administrative staff will be off on December 26th and will return to hybrid hours on January 4th. Because of this, there will be no December issue of the *UGME News*. Wishing everyone the happiest holidays and a wonderful New Year in 2023!



### Mac MD Admissions Interviews Recruitment

The UGME office will be recruiting assessors and student hosts for the 2023 McMaster MD Program Admission Interviews (MMI), in early January 2023.

If you are planning to participate, please save the dates in your schedule now:

- Saturday March 4, 2023 – 8:30 am – 3:45 pm
- Sunday March 5, 2023 – 8:30 am – 3:45 pm
- Wednesday March 8, 2023 - 5:00 pm – 8:15 pm

A formal recruitment email will be sent in early January 2023 to all past assessors, current McMaster medical students, McMaster residents, and FHS Faculty.

Upper year students may participate as assessors and first-year students are invited to be interview hosts. The MMI format is 'live' – virtual using the Kira Platform.



### MacEssentials Volunteers Needed

MacEssentials is a 3.5-hour evening program that is a prerequisite for any physician who has not tutored in the MD Program before but would like to become involved. It will take place virtually over Zoom on December 14, from 6 – 9:30 pm.

The UGME is looking for 1 faculty member and 3 students to volunteer and guide the participants through a mock tutorial. Facilitators will receive faculty credits for volunteering their time. If you would like more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Dagmar Todd](#).

## FACULTY/STAFF CORNER:



### Leadership Announcement

We wanted to share the exciting news about a UGME leadership appointment. Dr. [Ryan D'sa](#) was appointed as Director, Learning Site Review, effective October 1, 2022

Please join us in wishing him congratulations on his new positions!



## Teaching Opportunities for Faculty

The Pre-Clerkship comprises the first 15 months of the 3-year UGME program and is divided into 5 units called Medical Foundations plus 7 weeks of elective time in July and August. Our students learn through problem-based learning, in small tutorial groups of 6-8 students.

During Pre-Clerkship, there are several roles available to faculty members who are interested in teaching medical students. Some of the positions include: Tutors, Clinical Skills Preceptors, Specialized Clinical Skills Preceptors, Pro-Comp Longitudinal Facilitators, Student Advisors, OSCE Examiners, Admissions Volunteers, Curriculum Contributors, Large Group Session Speakers, Curriculum Planners, and more.

If you would like more information, please contact [Dagmar Todd](#).

## STUDENT CORNER:

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### Pre-Clerkship OSCE

The Class of 2024 completed their second Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE), the Pre-Clerkship OSCE.

The OSCE is an annual method of assessing medical student's competencies, and a perfect example of the program's style of problem-based learning. The simulated clinical experience has both clinical evaluators and patient actors.

Students across our entire distributed medical education network completed 7 stations with a different scenario written on the door of each room. They read the scenario posted on the door before proceeding with the examination. They have 9 minutes per scenario room and 3 minutes for feedback. The scenario may require students to conduct a history, do a physical examination, or counsel a "patient".

Thank you to all our amazing assessors, simulated patients, and staff who made our OSCE a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



### Financial Literacy Curriculum Planning

The Financial Literacy Curriculum Committee has developed a guide to help medical student as they begin to navigate the financial aspects of medical school. The guides covers some initial information on a variety of topics, including: Line of Credit, Investing, Debt, Real Estate, and Physician Remuneration.

For more information, please check out the [Financial Information](#) page on MedPortal. You can also confidentially contact [Dr. Herbert Brill](#) or [Mike Weir](#) with personal finance questions.



### NRC Interprofessional Day

The NRC is home to a number of unique clinical experiences that allow medical learners the opportunity to provide healthcare services to marginalized, vulnerable and under-served populations. This interprofessional education day served as a pre-requisite orientation for pre-clerkship medical and physician assistant students to prepare them for clinical encounters with marginalized populations.

Presentations from Dr. Karl Stobbe, Krystal Snider.

Thank you to Dr. Amanda Bell and Dr. Kristen Burrows for their collaboration on this day and we continue to look forward to educating our medical and physician assistants!



## UGME Kidney Days

[Hamilton](#) campus, in collaboration with St. Joseph's Hospital, [NRC](#), in collaboration with Niagara Health, and [WRC](#), in collaboration with Grand River Regional Renal Program at Grand River Hospital, held Kidney Days for their Class of 2025 learners to glimpse into the world of Nephrology.

Dr. Matthew Miller led the day in Hamilton, Dr. Danny Lagrotteria led the day for NRC, and Dr. Michael Wang led the day for WRC. At all three events, students learned about transplants, vascular access, hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and more.



## NRC Class of 2025 & Advisor Dinner

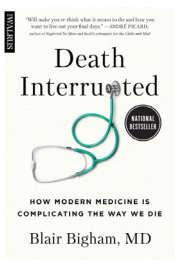
The NRC hosted the Class of 2025, student advisors, and staff on November 10th at Coppola's Ristorante. The dinner was an opportunity for everyone to meet and connect, building new relationships that will support and benefit them during their time in the program.



## Brock-McMaster Mentorship Event

On October 5, 2022, Brock-McMaster held a meet and greet event to kick off the Brock-McMaster Mentorship Program. The evening consisted of NRC mentors meeting mentees from the Applied Health Sciences Department at Brock. Niagara Residents also spoke on their experience to demonstrate the longitudinal relationship they've developed with Niagara.

The Niagara Regional Campus is grateful to collaborate with Brock University in many ways and our medical students are enthusiastic in encouraging undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in medicine.



## Death Interrupted

Blair Bigham, UGME Class of 2015 graduate, published a book in September entitled *Death Interrupted: How Modern Medicine Is Complicating the Way We Die*. In his National Bestseller, Dr. Bigham shares his first-hand experiences of how medicine has complicated the way we die and offers a road map for dying in the modern era.

You can read a shorter adaption of his book in the [Walrus](#) magazine.

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES:** Responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery of the Professional Competencies curriculum within the distributed UGME network. [Click here](#) for more information.

**PHARMACOLOGY UGME LONGITUDINAL PLANNER:** Responsible for overseeing the planning, delivery, and evaluation of the Pharmacology component of the Pre-Clerkship curriculum within the distributed UGME network. [Click here](#) for more information.

**MF4 DIRECTOR:** Responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery of MF4 within the distributed UGME network. [Click here](#) for more information.

**MF4 BRAIN & BEHAVIOUR SUBUNIT PLANNER:** Responsible for overseeing the planning, delivery, and evaluation of the Brain and Behaviour subunit within MF4. [Click here](#) for more information.

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