



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

## TOP STORIES:



### Welcome Back!

The UGME team is delighted to welcome back our esteemed faculty, dedicated staff, and valued learners. We trust the holidays provided much-needed rest and joy. As we embrace 2024, let's renew our commitment to excellence in medical education and groundbreaking research. Here's to a year filled with achievements and shared success.



### Celebrating Black History Month

In the UGME program, we are committed to inclusivity and equity, and we recognize the historical injustices faced by individuals of Black ancestry. We are actively working to create an environment that fosters equality in healthcare, education, research, innovation, and leadership. Embracing the significance of the upcoming Black History Month, the Black Medical Student Association (BMSA) is organizing several enriching events throughout the month of February.

In Hamilton, on February 7th from 6-8pm, join an inspiring speaker event featuring four distinguished speakers. They will be Dr. Tobi Olaiya, third year plastic surgery resident, Dr. Nwachukwu Nwebube, obstetrician and gynecologist in Grimbsy, Dr. Ryan Williams, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Hamilton, and Dr. Anya McLaren, a pediatric respirologist. [RSVP here](#) and enjoy refreshments and light apps.

Collaborating with Brock University, the NRC Pop-Up Marketplace on Feb 12th from 10am-4pm celebrates Black-owned stores. Open to all students, discover unique offerings from the Niagara community. Stay tuned to the BMSA Instagram page for updates on the event's location and details.

Concluding the month's events will be the Hamilton Art Show at The Staircase on February 26th from 6-9pm. Calling all Black student talents! Submit your performances for this open-to-all art show. [RSVP here](#).

Explore more Black History Month events and celebrations at McMaster by [clicking here](#). We look forward to your participation next month as we collectively celebrate the richness of Black history and culture!

## FACULTY/STAFF CORNER:



### Sign Up as a Tutor for MF4 at Hamilton Campus

Hamilton Campus is looking for dedicated tutors to instruct in Medical Foundations 4 (running April 1 to June 21, 2024) on the subunits of MSK, Neurology, and Brain & Behaviour. Your expertise can help the UGME learners thrive. It's easy to get started, just complete the registration form linked here: [Tutor Registration Form](#).

Your involvement will play a pivotal role in the success of the program and your willingness to contribute is appreciated. Help empower UGME learners and build a brighter future.



## Examining the Efficacy of ChatGPT in Marking Short-Answer Assessments

In a recent study by Leo Morjaria (C25), Levi Burns (C24), Keyna Bracken (Pre-Clerkship Chair), Anthony Levinson (Division of e-Learning Innovation and MedPortal Director), Quang Ngo (Student Assessment Chair), Mark Lee (Research Support Manager, MERIT), and Matthew Sibbald (Associate Dean, UGME), explore ChatGPT's effectiveness in evaluating short-answer assessments in the undergraduate medical program. Facing challenges in timeliness and scalability, traditional methods benefit from the integration of artificial intelligence. The study reveals promising results, with ChatGPT showing commendable correlations with human assessors, particularly when no rubric was present. This research establishes ChatGPT as a viable assistant to human assessment, laying the foundation for future endeavors in AI-based techniques. The collaborative efforts of the research team underscore exciting possibilities at the intersection of AI and education. You can read the full article [here](#).

## Become a tutor for the MD program through the MacEssentials Tutor Workshop

We are excited to offer another round of MacEssentials Tutor Training! Physicians interested in becoming a tutor in the MD Program are required to complete e-modules and attend a 1.5 hour complementary synchronous virtual workshop.

For more information and how to register for our next workshop on March 18 at 6 PM, please [click here](#). Don't miss out on the opportunity to enhance your tutoring skills with MacEssentials Tutor Training and earn academic credit.

## McMaster Clinician Educator Program (CEP) Cohort 10 Admissions Open

McMaster Clinician Educator Program (CEP) Cohort 10 admissions opens on Feb 1st and closes on March 8th. Consider joining 10 years of graduates in this diploma program accredited and administered by the Royal College, and inclusive of all medical teachers in Canada. Members of the CFPC, fellows of the FRCPC, and senior residents and fellows registered in Canadian PGME programs are eligible to apply.

For more information, [visit this page](#) and [register for the Virtual Open House](#), on Thursday February 1, from 1 to 3 PM.

## Remembering Dr. Harold Edison Aitken

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Harold Edison Aitken on January 18, 2024. A dedicated preceptor in Family Medicine at the School of Medicine, Dr. Aitken played an important role in shaping the education of countless medical students. His obituary can be found in the Hamilton Spectator [here](#).

## STUDENT CORNER:



## 2024 Sinai Health / UHN Geriatrics Summer Scholars Program

The application cycle for the 2024 Sinai Health / UHN Geriatrics Summer Scholars Program is open. Created in 2011, this 10-12 week program aims to spark interest in geriatrics among aspiring clinicians and researchers. Gain valuable experience in a healthcare setting and explore a future career in aging and geriatrics. [Visit here](#) to apply and share this opportunity with interested peers. Discover the achievements of past scholars and their current endeavors [here](#).

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