Educational Opportunities

Aboriginal Health Elective (AHE)
The AHE provides students with knowledge and skills related to health care practice and policy from within Aboriginal contexts. This learning opportunity can be taken as a horizontal elective, knowledge opportunity; or Hth Sci 3AH3- Aboriginal Health, from January-March of each year.

Interprofessional Day in Education: Aboriginal Health (IPE)
This full day event is part of the AHE that is open for participation to the broader McMaster community and Aboriginal health para/professionals and available for immersion credit with the PIPER Program.

Aboriginal Health Speaker Series
Throughout the year ASHS brings in leading Indigenous scholars, practitioners and professionals from the health field speaking to both Western/Indigenous models of health, health care and research.

Health Science Programs

Undergraduate
Anatomy, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing, Physicians Assistant

Graduate
Biochemistry, Health Research Methodologies, Health Science Education, Medical Sciences, Nursing, Rehabilitation Sciences: Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy, MD/PhD

Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary/Cross-Faculty
Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Biology, Global Health, eHealth, Health Policy PhD, Health Management, Neuroscience

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Our Mandate

The Aboriginal Students Health Sciences Office is designed to address three broad areas of need:

1. Increased student preparedness, entry & completion of health science programs;
2. Ongoing identification and removal of barriers to success including increasing awareness of First Nations, Inuit and Metis health issues among the faculty and student body; and,
3. Improved relationships between the university and local Aboriginal communities.

We are a dedicated collective working towards meeting the priorities of First Nations, Inuit and Metis students (current and incoming) in attaining a diploma/degree within health sciences. And we engage with broader First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities for their guidance on Aboriginal health education at McMaster University.

ASHS Student Services

- Aboriginal Student Counselor: to assist students with social and academic concerns.
- Elder-in-Residence Program: Elders at all three campuses (Hamilton, Waterloo & Niagara) provide support, advice, culture and teachings.
- Aboriginal Mentorship Program: Mentors are current students, faculty & residents who provide one-to-one academic, cultural and personal support.
- Alumni Circle: Receive updates from the ASHS office; stay linked with your graduating class; established and expand professional networks, and other benefits.
- Medical School Entrance Interview Workshop: A preparation course for the multi mini interview (MMI). Interview skills practice and discussion with current physicians & students.
- Recruitment & Liaison: a person dedicated to provide support and information to prospective students, as well as, being a liaison between local organizations and local First Nation Communities.

ASHS Student Space

As a First Nations, Inuit or Metis person when you come to the ASHS student space you will find culturally safe place for your daily student life.

Students can access the resource library with Indigenous scholarship; study; use the computer with Internet access; or take a nutrition break. Students can also use the media station to access our DVD library, socialize with your colleagues or host a study group or meeting with your peers.

ASHS Staff members are located within the space to assist you with locating resources, seek academic, social, and cultural support or a friendly conversation.

Aboriginal Students within the Faculty of Health Sciences who could benefit from accessing the ASHS student space before and after regular hours can be granted permission through their McMaster I.D. Please see an ASHS staff about this opportunity.