

Medical Education Research Lab in the North (MERLIN)

Northern Ontario School of Medicine

New to NOSM this year is the Medical Education Research Lab in the North (MERLIN)! MERLIN consists of a group of knowledgeable and passionate individuals at NOSM who want to help foster individual and collective capacity around health professional education scholarship in Northern Ontario. MERLIN will create opportunities for learning and dialogue around promising and emerging evidence-based practices in medical education and more broadly within health professional education, as well as provide peer support to those engaging in and/or new to research. While MERLIN is in its early stages, the focus this year is on creating spaces to bring people together interested in medical education scholarship! Here are some of the things we are working on and are planning over the coming year:

ONLINE MedEd Forum

We have started an online forum to build community, create buzz, and establish a platform for all things medical education at NOSM. We are using this space to collaborate, share, and provide feedback on a variety of things, including "in the moment" issues we face, research you may be conducting or topics of interest!

Monthly MedEd Cafe

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea with other colleagues interested in Medical Education Scholarship! From October to May we will be hosting MedEd coffee chats, also known as journal club, which will provide a chance to discuss and debate hot topics in medical education locally, nationally, and internationally, and learn from and with each other. Occasionally, speakers and guests will be invited to contribute to the dialogue. Everyone is welcome!

Monthly Research Lab

We want MERLIN to be a place to help build research skills and expertise at NOSM. All those interested in or conducting medical education research are invited to attend monthly two-hour research workshops. The focus of these workshops is to provide a space to workshop research ideas, grant proposals and papers, conference presentations, and any other identified research topics and activities! The group is outcome focused - meaning we want to move things forward for you.

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