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# Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College and the University of Toronto's Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation Sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Collaborate in Graduate Research and Education Activities

**Toronto, ON, Canada, February 6, 2019:** The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) is pleased to announce a new partnership with the University of Toronto's Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation (IHPME) that aims to foster greater collaboration and promote educational research among the students and faculty of CMCC's Clinical Sciences Graduate Studies Program and those of IHPME.

In continuing their efforts to advance intellectual exchange across all areas of health services research and learning, IHPME will allow eligible students of CMCC to apply to the Master of Science in Health Services Research (HSR) at IHPME and will grant recognition for up to two graduate level courses taken at CMCC as MSc HSR course credits.

In addition, qualified CMCC faculty will be eligible for consideration as adjunct or status faculty within IHPME allowing them to serve on thesis committees for students participating in this opportunity.

"IHPME has a long and successful history of working with faculty and students with a chiropractic background," said Rhonda Cockerill, Interim Director of IHPME. "We look forward to this new initiative which will strengthen these ties."

"As collaborative health care is increasingly recognized as an optimal model for patients, we are delighted to reach this agreement which will foster many of the same benefits to our students and faculty in terms of sharing resources and generating new solutions," said Christine Bradaric-Baus, Vice-President, Academic of CMCC.

As the largest graduate unit situated within the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, IHPME is committed to providing an integrative space where students, faculty, health care researchers, partners and providers can empower one another to transform the way we think, lead and act in our efforts to reshape the health care system.

Together with the CMCC, a leader in evidence-based chiropractic education and research, this collaborative relationship will help to further discussions and address shared issues of integrated care, health promotion and system performance within Ontario.

"Agreements such as this empower our organizations not only to increase capacity and expand offerings to graduate students, but to enable them to make meaningful contributions to the definition and evolution of new integrated health care models and approaches," commented Dr. Paula Stern, Director of Graduate Studies at CMCC. "We look forward to the many new opportunities that will arise from this agreement."

## About CMCC

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College is recognised for creating leaders in spinal health. With graduates practicing in 37 countries and faculty who are leaders in their fields, CMCC delivers world class chiropractic education, research, and patient care. The campus features modern teaching and laboratory space, including new simulation and biomechanics laboratories, and is extended across Toronto through its network of community based interprofessional clinics that serve diverse patient populations. CMCC offers a four-year undergraduate program leading to a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. This degree program is offered under the written consent of Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for the period from 24/3/11 to 24/3/21. For more information, visit www.cmcc.ca or follow us on Twitter and Facebook and Linkedin.

#### About IHPME

The Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME) is best described as a community made whole by its many moving parts -- students, faculty, alumni, healthcare researchers and a variety of providers, partners and professionals in the field. With over 400 students, 300 faculty and more than 100 senior healthcare executives in adjunct roles, IHPME is a wellspring of opportunity, learning and innovation. We serve as an enabling force; offering a harmonizing forum to foster collaboration and leadership within and between healthcare communities. Visit <u>http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/</u>.

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