



Algonquin College and HealthCareCAN's CHA Learning Collaborate to Build Healthcare 'Campus of Care'

OTTAWA (July 20, 2021) – Algonquin College and [HealthCareCAN](#) have signed an agreement to extend and expand their current collaboration to deliver online training programs and build a 'Campus of Care' for healthcare professionals across Canada and beyond.

In 2017, Algonquin and [CHA Learning](#), the professional development division of HealthCareCAN, entered into a revenue-sharing agreement for the delivery of CHA Learning's flagship Health Information Management and Food Service Nutrition Management online programs. The successful relationship combined Algonquin's vast experience in online education delivery and CHA Learning's 70 years of offering programs and courses to tens of thousands of healthcare professionals in all regions across the country.

"Extending this collaboration agreement is evidence of the strong and mutually beneficial relationship Algonquin College has built with HealthCareCAN and CHA Learning," said Claude Brulé, Algonquin College President and CEO. "This marks another step forward in the College leveraging its strong track record of delivering high-caliber online programming. We are excited to continue working with HealthCareCAN and its CHA Learning team to help identify and address the specific learning and training needs of the healthcare industry."

"Our health system is facing critical staff shortages in multiple specialties, which is threatening its sustainability and its capacity to continue providing innovative, high-quality care," said HealthCareCAN president and CEO, Paul-Émile Cloutier. "This expanded agreement between HealthCareCAN and Algonquin College creates a crucial bridge between the health system and the post-secondary system to help ensure healthcare in Canada has the right people, working in the right places, at the right time."

The updated agreement extends the College's collaboration with HealthCareCAN for at least three more years and will further optimize the link between HealthCareCAN's pan-Canadian network of hospitals and healthcare providers and the program delivery expertise of [Algonquin College Corporate Training](#), as well as direct access to an extensive catalogue of academic programs from the Ottawa, Perth, Pembroke, and Online campuses. Work will also commence on joint marketing and business strategies and broadening the number of online programs – including from Algonquin's extensive course catalog – being offered to healthcare professionals across the country.

"CHA Learning's commitment to forging partnerships with those that share the same values and mandate to build capacity for health system improvement is a key reason why we have made a significant difference in the professional development of so many health leaders," said Dale Schierbeck, vice president of learning and development at HealthCareCAN. "This agreement is

a win-win-win for all - for our learners with deeper and longer pathways, for Algonquin College as we share our sectoral knowledge and expertise and for healthcare across Canada as we leverage our technologies to bring the best of learning to every learner and organization who needs it.”

To address the rapidly evolving educational needs of the healthcare sector, the extended collaboration also opens the door for the co-design and development of new programs for the national, and even international, healthcare marketplace. This will build up a one-stop ‘Campus of Care’ educational ‘hub’ that healthcare professionals can access anytime, anywhere to upgrade skills and help reach their professional development goals over the entirety of their careers.

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About AC Online:

AC Online is the newest campus by Algonquin College, launched at the end of 2019. We serve all demographics, from learners right out of high school to working professionals who want additional qualifications or training. Students can choose from 80+ Full-time or Part-time programs and 800+ courses. Our offerings range from interest courses to credentialed offerings such as certificates, diplomas, and graduate certificates. Our courses provide unprecedented flexibility. Learners are able to get their

education anytime, anywhere — in the morning or night, in Ottawa or from the other side of the world.

About Algonquin College:

The mission of Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is to transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success. Algonquin College, an Ontario public sector community college, does this by offering hands-on, digitally connected, experiential learning in more than 185 programs. Based in the Ottawa Valley, Algonquin College is the largest polytechnic institute in Eastern Ontario.

About HealthCareCAN:

HealthCareCAN is the national voice of healthcare organizations, hospitals and health research institutes across Canada. We foster informed and continuous, results-oriented discovery and innovation across the continuum of healthcare.

About CHA Learning:

CHA Learning is the professional development division of HealthCareCAN, and Canada's only online *national* healthcare learning provider for all Canadians. With more than 20 programs and 75 courses, CHA Learning serves more than 1200 students each year. For 70 years, our programs and courses have helped tens of thousands of health professionals be successful in their health leadership careers, in all regions across the country. We are a charitable, non-profit healthcare learning organization.