

Ottawa-SPARK

Ottawa Summer Program for Advancing Research
Knowledge in the Health Professions

*Ignite your journey in health professions
education research—in the heart of Ottawa*



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is ideal for those new to health professions education research. It is particularly suited for clinician educators, aspiring scholars, and early-career researchers aiming to explore diverse designs, enhance methodological skills, access practical tools, and build confidence in their application.



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éducation médicale (CiEM)

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Medical Education (CiMED)



Led by internationally recognized scholars and educators, this dynamic course showcases the breadth of research approaches in health professions education through engaging instruction, interactive workshops, and personalized coaching—empowering participants to bring these concepts to life in their own projects.



Date & Time

July 6 - 10, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Price

\$4,000.00 CAD



Location

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
(walking distance to the
Rideau canal)



Course Leads

Kori LaDonna (PhD) and
Susan Humphrey-Murto
(MD, MEd)

SCHEDULE

06 MON

**Introduction to
Research Paradigms,
Survey Design:** Doug
Archibald, PhD and
Claire Touchie, MD,
MHPE

07 TUE

**Quantitative Research,
Quasi- Experimental
Design:** Vicki LeBlanc,
PhD and Timothy J.
Wood, PhD

08 WED

**Qualitative
Research:** Kori
LaDonna, PhD and
Roy Khalife, MD,
MHPE

09 THURS

**Knowledge Synthesis,
Consensus Methods
(Nominal Group/Delphi):**
Tanya Horsley, PhD, MBA
and Susan Humphrey-
Murto, MD, MEd

10 FRI

**Program
Evaluation:**
Geneviève
Gauthier, PhD, and
Andrew Hall, MD,
MHPE

DAILY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & COACHING

Designing a survey, conducting an interview, coding interview transcripts, conducting statistical analyses, controlling and accounting for confounding factors, choosing Delphi and knowledge synthesis software, and practical strategies for building a research team, budgeting and applying for grants

INTERESTED?

Contact Amanda Roy at amanda.roy@uottawa.ca or visit our [website](#) for more information!