

Specialist Knowledge Translation Training (SKTT™)

Offered by
The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

Are you a scientist, educator, policy maker or knowledge translation (KT) professional?

Do you want to know more about why KT is relevant?

Do you need to know how to develop and evaluate a KT plan?

Could you benefit from practical KT training?

Introduction

A well-developed knowledge translation (KT) plan is often a proposal requirement for health research funding agencies in Canada and abroad. In addition, various sectors are demonstrating greater attention to the utilization and impact of research. The Specialist Knowledge Translation Training (SKTT™) workshop was developed on the premise that scientists, and increasingly, other practitioners and educators, are agents of change in creating research impact, promoting research utilization, and ensuring that research findings reach the appropriate audiences. This course was designed to teach the unique skillset that surrounds KT practice.

Who should take SKTT™?

The course is appropriate for scientists (basic, clinical, health services, population health) as well as educators, clinicians and KT professionals (e.g., KT Specialists, KT Managers, Knowledge Brokers). While the focus is on health, the material is highly relevant to individuals working in other sectors.

The SKTT™ course is intended for anyone who has an interest in:

- Sharing research knowledge with audiences beyond the academic community
- Increasing the impact potential of their research
- Building practical KT planning skills

Course Content

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Define KT and related terms
- Describe the relevance of KT in their context and role
- Identify strategies for sharing evidence with and engaging multiple knowledge user audiences
- Use KT planning tools and resources to develop a KT plan (e.g., KT Planning Template®, KT Game®)

Syllabus

Module	Description
Toward an Understanding of Knowledge Translation	Designed to increase participants' understanding of KT and its relevance, and to review terminology and frameworks.
Research Communications	A practical introduction to plain language communication and the use of media and social media as KT strategies.
Developing and Evaluating a Knowledge Translation Plan	The basic elements of KT planning, KT strategies, coordinating, budgeting and evaluation. This module includes an opportunity to develop a KT plan. Participants work through hands on KT planning with The KT Game®.

Trainers

Melanie Barwick, PhD, CPsych

Melanie is the course Founder and Director. She is a Senior Scientist in the Child Health Evaluative Sciences Program of the SickKids Research Institute, and a Registered Psychologist. She is also a Full Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Melanie joined SickKids in 2001 and her program of research focuses on implementation science and knowledge translation.

Kelly Warmington, MEd PMP

Kelly is the Program Manager, Knowledge Translation in the SickKids Learning Institute. Kelly holds degrees in biomedical science, teaching and adult education and she is a member of the Project Management Institute. Formerly, Kelly was a clinical researcher studying chronic diseases and patient and clinician education. Kelly joined SickKids in 2012 and her areas of focus include knowledge translation, clear language communication, health literacy, process improvement and innovation.

“Great modules...[and] the [KT Planning] Template is helpful; something I can easily share with colleagues. I learned so much more than just KT.”

Registration Details

Time Commitment

- Two consecutive days (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

Course Fee

Fee: \$700 CAD including HST

Includes: course materials, access to our online collaborative platform, continental breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

“Overall I found this [course] very useful and creative.”

Registration Process

- SKTT™ is offered twice per year (winter and fall)
- Each session is open to a limited number of participants
- Registration is on a first come, first serve basis
- The online registration portal opens approximately 3 months in advance of each course
- To receive notification of upcoming events and registration dates, please email kelly.warmington@sickkids.ca

“Instructors are extremely knowledgeable and helpful.”

Dates

Please contact us for upcoming training and registration dates.



SKTT Australia™ is offered in Australia and New Zealand in partnership with Dr. Tamika Heiden, KT Australia

More Information

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