

A World of Possibility through Teaching and Learning

In 2007, Holland Bloorview launched its new strategic plan, Infinite Possibilities, 2007-2012. The plan articulates five key priorities, including: *Innovating and Excelling in Teaching and Learning*.



Holland Bloorview has a **long tradition of providing teaching and learning** opportunities for a variety of trainees and staff. Over the past two years, Holland Bloorview has made remarkable progress in teaching and learning. Among other achievements, we have increased the number of interprofessional education (IPE) placements and recruited an IPE facilitator; increased the training capacity for future developmental pediatricians; increased the number of staff enrolled in graduate education; and launched a simulation education lab on site and developed linkages with a number of GTA simulation leaders.

In June 2009, a **Planning Retreat was held** with key internal and external leaders from teaching hospitals, community partners and representatives from the University of Toronto to inform a 5-year **strategic plan** for innovating and excelling in teaching and learning. The Strategic Plan, which identifies the establishment of a **Holland Bloorview Teaching & Learning Institute**, was completed and approved by the Board of Trustees in fall 2009.

Teaching & Learning Strategic Plan 2009-2014

Holland Bloorview's Teaching & Learning Strategic Plan 2009-2014 provides a roadmap of activities related to Holland Bloorview students, teaching and faculty. The plan articulates the following goals:

- Enhance the student/trainee experience
- Innovate in teaching and learning approaches
- Lead interprofessional education in childhood disability
- Increase training capacity for future health care providers
- Extend teaching and learning to clients and families
- Equip our staff to be excellent supervisors/educators through faculty development and mentoring
- Build the infrastructure and resources base to support the development of a Holland Bloorview Teaching and Learning Institute

Holland Bloorview's new Teaching & Learning Institute



The plan lays the groundwork for **an operational Holland Bloorview Teaching and Learning Institute within the next five years**. The Teaching & Learning Institute will be a forum for excellence in teaching and learning related to childhood disability at Holland Bloorview. Rather than a physical space, it is envisioned as a culmination of leaders, programs and services. The institute will provide a platform for sharing our knowledge and expertise locally, nationally and internationally.

The Holland Bloorview Teaching & Learning Institute will:

- Bridge the silos and foster an integrated education enterprise
- Support enhanced learning and a culture of education excellence
- Engage staff and families in a collaborative approach to education
- Develop, recognize and reward educators for their contributions to teaching
- Enhance the profile of childhood disability education and its importance in paediatric curricula

In moving forward with our vision, Holland Bloorview will:

- Be recognized for providing outstanding educational experiences and organizational supports for students and trainees
- Be recognized as an 'employer-of-choice' for both new graduates and experienced staff
- Lead interprofessional education in the field of childhood disability
- Provide knowledge and skills to ensure that staff are equipped as excellent educators through curriculum development and mentoring
- Develop leading-edge practical experiences for all health disciplines and learners in childhood disability
- Integrate simulation techniques in curriculum for childhood disability



Working in collaboration with staff and families, drawing on the expertise of educators at Holland Bloorview and beyond, and supported by donors and funders who share our vision, **Holland Bloorview will create a world of possibility through teaching and learning.**

