

Session Name: Bridging the gap between knowledge and action to enhance organizational performance

Instructor Biography

Madelyn Law, is the Associate Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences and the Director of the Interprofessional Education for Quality Improvement Program (I-EQUIP). Madelyn channels her passion into building partnerships in the health sector to open avenues for research and experiential education for students. Her research is focused on organizational culture and implementation science to enhance the quality of existing health systems. This work has led her to contribute to quality improvement projects alongside professionals in a variety of areas including public health, acute care, rehabilitation, primary care and community care settings. Madelyn has been part of numerous provincial and national grants with a lens to implementation science. She also teaches in the undergraduate and graduate programs in Public Health.

Seminar Description

Often, we hear of great ideas or new research that is available but harnessing this in our everyday work is not always a reality. Using an integrated knowledge translation approach where researchers and practitioners work together to identify the true questions and create meaningful projects is one way to minimize this knowledge to action gap. This session will allow participants to explore collaboration in research and gain insights in to enhancing organizational performance through implementation science which will be highlighted through applied organizational examples.

Topics Covered

- Core principles related to knowledge translation
- Strategies to enhance collaborations to move research to practice

Learning Outcomes

- Reflect on how “evidence” is understood, created and acted upon at an organizational level
- Understand the Knowledge to Action Framework and its application
- Identify the potential for an integrated knowledge translation approach to enhance organizational performance

Key Coaching and Follow up Questions

- How might I be able to develop a research partner to enhance performance in my organization?
- What mechanisms need to be developed in my organization to harness new research evidence?
- What are some questions that I have about organizational performance that might make for an excellent research project?