

# New simulation centre will benefit Ontario health-care professionals

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In the fall of 2009, health-care professionals across Ontario will have access to a new simulation centre housed at The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences on St. Patrick Street.

The CAE/Michener Centre for the Advancement of Simulation in Healthcare is a state-of-the-art Simulation Centre jointly established by Michener, CAE and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). This collaborative project will take CAE's experience in aviation simulation and bring that knowledge into a health-care environment. A simulated groundbreaking for the launch of the Simulation Centre was celebrated on Tuesday,

April 7, 2009, at Michener with representatives from both CAE and the MOHLTC in attendance.

CAE has, in addition to Michener, also signed contracts and alliances with Université de Montréal and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and will develop and deliver simulation-based health-care training in all three environments.

When the Simulation Centre at Michener is operational, two full floors, and almost 30,000 square feet, will be accessible to Michener students, hospitals, and medical and nursing schools. More than 1,500 students and health-care practitioners are expected to be educated in the Simulation Centre per year. Simulated scenarios such as crisis management and pandemic response will now have

ample room for activity, hands-on collaboration, reflection and learning.

The Simulation Centre at Michener is an ideal, flexible space where evaluation can take place. Knowing how to reason, resolve conflict, and work well with others will enable health-care professionals to enhance their ability to deliver better patient safety and care. Ongoing evaluation and assessment on these competencies early on in their studies will make students stronger professionals, and in turn, will make good health-care professionals into great health-care professionals.

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**The Honourable Minister Caplan and Dr. Paul Gamble, President and CEO, The Michener Institute, shake hands after celebrating the simulated groundbreaking of the CAE/Michener Centre for the Advancement of Simulation in Healthcare.**