

Health Leadership Academy Collaborative Health Governance

Navigating the new world of healthcare governance

The healthcare sector is facing urgent pressure and scrutiny on systemic issues at every level. Board directors need to think and lead differently to become drivers of change.

In partnership with the McMaster Health Leadership Academy, the Collaborative Health Governance Program (CHG) is designed with an understanding of the new world of governance, and with the unique requirements of health and social sector boards in mind.

Focus

Learn from governance and healthcare leaders so you can have a positive and immediate impact in the boardroom with the ability to:

- Facilitate meaningful collaboration while navigating the line between strategy and operational effectiveness
- Co-create compelling visions with foresight around emerging issues and stakeholder engagement
- Engage with management and key board partners on complex, multi-stakeholder issues
- Mitigate potential liabilities and exposures as a board director

From the Program Directors

"Collaborative Health Governance explores how healthcare organizations and their respective boards can come together in meaningful dialogue and collective action to support the healthcare goals of their communities."

– Michael Hartmann and Jodeme Goldhar



Admissions

Program dates: November 5–8, 2025 or March 25–28, 2026

Tuition: \$4,480 CAD

Requirements:

- Individuals currently serving on boards, or who intend to serve on a board
- Healthcare leaders seeking to improve boardroom skills and expand knowledge of good governance to become high-performing board directors
- Individuals who work closely with boards



Format

The CHG Program is an interactive 3.5-day virtual experience that utilizes The Directors College's proven delivery model.

With two upcoming offerings (November 5-8 and March 25-28, 2026), participants will have the opportunity to learn through active dialogue and analyzing case studies and best-practice examples to address key questions.

The program's 90-minute sessions are led by experienced governance experts, healthcare leaders, and board directors.

Program Features

- Enhance your ability to engage with management and other key board partners particularly around complex multi-stakeholder issues
- Understand your potential liabilities and exposures as a board director and how to mitigate them
- Contribute to the future of health governance in Canada

Testimonials

"I cannot overstate the value of my participation in the Collaborative Health Governance program. The skills and experiences I gained from my interactions with other leaders in health systems across Canada were truly remarkable."

- **Sivajanan Sivapalan**

"The Collaborative Health Governance program gave me greater insight into the distinction between Operations and Governance, helping me to provide more focussed ethical advice to the boards I support."

- **Ann Heesters**

"This program builds capability for fostering radical collaboration, collective impact and getting the right things done!"

- **Kerry Schubert**



Next Steps

- Want to learn how you and your board can start to see things differently?
- Visit the **Collaborative Health Governance** website
- Check the application requirements and deadlines
- **Contact us** for advice on completing the registration
- Submit the online **application package**

Let's Talk

Email Jennifer Lennox at **lennoxjl@mcmaster.ca** or visit **Health Leadership Academy** to learn more.