ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LEARNER PROGRAM

The International Learner Program (ILP), certified as a Leading Practice by Accreditation Canada, is a unique international education experience offered by the Learning Institute at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). The ILP offers international clinical and non-clinical professionals the opportunity to take part in observation or practice experiences in clinical care, education, research, and corporate administration at SickKids in Toronto. SickKids builds each ILP experience in harmony with the individual’s profession, subspecialty and learning objectives, in order to create a customized learning experience that is specifically tailored to the needs of the learner and their organization’s priorities.

PROFESSION

Each ILP experience will be developed in accordance with the learners’ profession. Each learner will have opportunities to observe practice related to their profession as they network with relevant SickKids healthcare professionals, leaders, and experts. Learners will be mentored by a variety of interprofessionals throughout the hospital, from physicians and nurses, to allied health professionals and administrators. They will engage in a range of professional development activities including, but not limited to: workshops, grand rounds, simulations, and other educational sessions.

SUBSPECIALTY

Learners can further customize their experiences to their paediatric subspecialty. They will develop their subspecialty knowledge and skills via exposure to in-patient units, ambulatory clinics, the SickKids Learning Institute and Research Institute, or one of our Centres of Excellence.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES AND ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITIES

Finally, the ILP will be customized based on the learners’ objectives and their home organization’s priorities. Prior to commencing the ILP, each learner will develop a set of objectives relevant to their profession and subspecialty. Learners will then align those objectives with the goals and priorities of their home organization. A team of education experts at the SickKids Learning Institute will use these objectives to inform the customized programming of tailor-made learning experiences for each unique learner. These objectives will also guarantee optimal engagement of the vast resources available at SickKids. Learners will receive a formative and summative evaluation, as well as a nine- to twelve-month follow-up survey to help ensure their objectives are met. Furthermore, all learners will be provided with knowledge translation coaching to enhance the application of their experience upon their return home.

The ILP is a unique opportunity for international healthcare professionals to build on their paediatric expertise and leverage their learning at SickKids to enhance the care of children in their home countries. Our team of diverse interprofessionals is pleased to customize ILP experiences for healthcare professionals in over 50 paediatric subspecialties across SickKids.
PROFESSIONS
- Aural (Re) Habilitationists
- Audiometric Technician
- Child Life Specialists
- Child and Youth Counsellors
- Chaplains
- Clinical Dietitians
- Dentists
- Finance Specialists
- Genetic Counsellors
- Hospital Administrators
- Human Resource Specialists
- Physicians
- Laboratory Technicians
- Laboratory Technologists
- Lactation Consultants
- Medical Engineers
- Nurses
- Nurse Practitioners
- Phlebotomists
- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Psychologists
- Physiotherapists
- Process Improvement Specialists
- Psychometrists
- Occupational Therapists
- Quality Leaders
- Research Scientists
- Research Technicians
- Respiratory Therapists
- Sleep Technologists
- Social Workers
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Surgeons
- Technologists – Diagnostic Imaging
- Others

SUBSPECIALTIES AND PROGRAMS
- About Kids Health
- Adolescent Medicine
- Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine
- Bioethics
- Cancer Genetics
- Cardiology
- Cardiac Transplant
- Cardiovascular Surgery
- Child Life
- Cleft Lip and Palate
- Clinical and Metabolic Genetics
- Clinical Dietetics
- Clinical Informatics and Technology
- Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Cochlear Implant
- Communication Disorders
- Craniofacial
- Creative Arts Therapy
- Critical Care Medicine (including: Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Cardiac Critical Care Unit, and Critical Care Response Team)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Dentistry (including: Oral Surgical, Orthodontic and Prosthodontic)
- Dermatology
- Developmental Paediatrics
- Diagnostic Imaging (including: GI/GU X-ray (Fluoroscopy), Image-Guided Therapy, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound and X-ray)
- Endocrinology
- Fetal Cardiac
- Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
- General and Thoracic Surgery
- Gynaecology
- Haematology and Oncology
- Immunology and Allergy
- Infectious Diseases (including: Infection Prevention and Control Program)
- Knowledge Translation
- Metabolic Bone Health
- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
- Orthopaedics
- Ostomy and Wound Care
- Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Laboratory Medicine
- Paediatric Medicine (including: General Paediatric, Community Paediatric, and Suspect Child Abuse and Neglect)
- Process Improvement
- Pharmacy
- Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Simulation
- Transfusion Medicine
- Transplant and Regenerative Medicine
- Palliative Care and Paediatric Advance Care Team
- Rehabilitation
- Respiratory Medicine
- Rheumatology
- Quality and Risk Management
- Tele-medicine
- Trauma
- Urology
- Urologic Surgery
- Transitional Care/Discharge Planning

APPLICATION PROCESS
We look forward to customizing your unique ILP experience. For additional information regarding the ILP, please email ilp.requests@sickkids.ca, visit www.sickkidsinternational.ca/ilp or call 416-813-5703.