

## Media Release

### St. Joe's partners with DeGroote to Nurture Future Healthcare Leaders

**HAMILTON, ON. August 14, 2012** – St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business have partnered to offer an academic program to help senior managers and physicians build their leadership skills.

"Executive Education: Leadership Development for Directors and Physician Leaders" is set to start on Sept. 12, 2012 and runs 10 days over three months. Approximately 25 individuals will be accepted into the program with St. Joseph's Healthcare sponsoring 10 members of its own staff. The program also accepts students from other healthcare institutions.

"This collaborative initiative perfectly aligns with St. Joseph's Healthcare's strong academic and teaching mission," says Dr. David Higgins, President, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. "This partnership elevates this academic program to a level that can't be matched. It is an opportunity for our current and future leaders in healthcare to grow new skills in leadership and to develop a stronger decision-making focus in an ever-changing healthcare environment."

"The end result will be a broad spectrum of administrative management and leadership skills attuned to the complex world of the clinician. We are privileged and excited to join SJHH in this partnership," says Paul Bates of DeGroote's Executive Education department.

Program topics cover the gamut of current issues in healthcare, including Reputation Management, Critical Thinking for Future Change, and The Role of the Healthcare Leader in Ontario. The program brings business strategy and individual perspectives together to provide healthcare workers with the opportunity to build new skills, strengthen and develop strategic partnerships and create collaborative solutions and options. The course will enable physician and administrative leaders to understand each other's perspectives in dealing with key issues facing our health system and will foster collaboration and teamwork to achieve better process and outcomes in project implementation and design.

Individuals best suited to attend the program are physicians in leadership roles or aspiring to leadership positions, academic leaders, chiefs of staff, presidents and members of medical advisory committees, department and division heads, program leaders and other medical leaders.

For more information on how to register, please visit: <http://execed.degroote.mcmaster.ca>

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