

Ontario CEC's 65th Annual Special Education Conference



“Well-being, Equity, and Success for All”

December 3 - 4, 2021

Toronto, Ontario

On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to join us in celebrating Ontario CEC's 65th Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held December 3 – 4, 2021 at the Marriott Downtown CF Toronto Eaton Centre! 2021 also marks the 25th Anniversary of the Yes I Can Student Awards.

The theme of the 2021 conference is **Well-being, Equity and Success for All**; presentations will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to equitably support the well-being, learning and achievement of all students with special education needs. We are also excited to share that this year's conference, a hybrid event, will provide a virtual component for those who are unable to attend in person. The conference program features more than 70 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including: accessibility; diversity, equity and inclusion; paraprofessionals; mental health and well-being for students and educators; at-risk children & youth; autism; assistive and adaptive technology; transitions; managing challenging behaviour; virtual and online learning; learning disabilities; developmental disabilities; indigenous education; post-secondary initiatives; and low incidence exceptionalities.

Conference highlights include:

- ◆ Ministry of Education Strand
- ◆ Exhibitor & Publisher Display
- ◆ Past Presidents' Reception
- ◆ Hot Topics & Featured Sessions
- ◆ Poster Presentations
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Awards Presentations
- ◆ Celebratory Luncheon
- ◆ OCASE Presentation
- ◆ Mobile App

Value added alert! In-person conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout sessions, poster presentations, the Past Presidents' Reception, silent auction, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display, and breakfast and lunch both days. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please join Ontario CEC for this unique self-directed professional learning opportunity!

For further information, please contact:

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Conference Overview

Thursday, December 2, 2021

- ◆ Ontario CEC Board of Directors' Meeting
- ◆ Ontario CEC Annual General Meeting
- ◆ Conference Registration

Friday, December 3, 2021

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ **Opening Session** & **Keynote Address**
- ◆ Concurrent In-person and Virtual Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/ Publisher Display
- ◆ Networking Luncheon
- ◆ Past Presidents' Reception
- ◆ Silent Auction

Saturday, December 4, 2021

- ◆ Poster Presentations & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Concurrent In-person and Virtual Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ **Adult and Yes I Can Student Award Presentations**
- ◆ **Celebratory Luncheon**

Ministry of Education Presentations:

Special Education in Ontario Update



A Knowledge Implementation Toolkit to Support School-based Tiered Services



Student Mental Health in Ontario - the Journey to Date



Pilot to Support Transitions to Post Secondary Pathways for Students with Developmental Disabilities



Educator Modules on Disabilities, Accessibility, and Inclusiveness

COVID-19 Safety Measures and Protocols

The Ontario CEC Board of Directors and the Marriott are committed to providing a safe conference experience for everyone. To that end, the following protocols will be in place:

- ◆ In accordance with the Government of Ontario's directive, all in-person conference participants, including attendees, presenters, exhibitors, and volunteers will be required to provide proof of full vaccination.
- ◆ Registered in-person conference participants will receive information on how to verify their vaccination status using a free, simple, secure, and PHIPA-compliant third-party vendor.
- ◆ A virtual option to participate in the conference is available for those unable to attend in-person; this option will include virtual presentations via Zoom and recordings of select in-person presentations.
- ◆ Meeting rooms and the exhibit hall will be set in accordance with social distancing and capacity guidelines.
- ◆ Masks are mandatory, except when eating.
- ◆ Marriott International has instituted a variety of protocols and elevated practices; a full list may be accessed here: <https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/yyzec>

Hot Topics & Featured Sessions

Opening Keynote: Supporting Mental Health and Well-being for Educators and Students: Considerations, Strategies and Resources, Dr. Sue Ball and Dr. Patrick Carney

Equity and Diversity in Psychological Assessments, Dr. Maria Kokai and Dr. Carolyn Lennox

First Nations, Métis, Inuit (FNMI) Allyship in Special Education, Rachelle Bergen

EQAOs Commitment to Equity: A Focus on Modernization, Ann-Mari Maatta and Suzanne Craig-Whytock

In Love with Learning ONLINE: Ten Keys to Delight, Persistence, and Attention in an Online Space, Taisley Isaac, Brittany Burek and Laurie Faith

Creating a Holistic Special Education Process, Jennifer Maracle

Raising the Profile of Educational Assistants: The Role of Ontario's Educational Support Programs, Dr. John Freer, Allison Fitzgibbon, Carley Reyner, Gwendolyn Marsonet and Patty Thompson

Designing Remote Learning Spaces to Engage and Activate Exceptional Learners, Alexia Citak

Instructional Approaches that Support Students with Math Anxiety, Pamela McDonald and Dr. Derek Berg

What the Function? Supporting Students with Challenging Behaviour in the Classroom, Janell Hurlbut, Erin Howarth, and Lindsay King

Please click here to access the full listing of breakout sessions: <https://cvent.me/yqOvKw>

Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed through this link, <https://cvent.me/yqOvKw> and through the Ontario CEC website, <https://ontario.exceptionalchildren.org/>

Conference Registration December 3 – 4, 2021	Conference Attendee Rate	CEC Member & Presenter Rate	Full-time Student & CEC Member (Retired Educator) Rate
In-person: includes in-person sessions, breakfast and lunch both days, the Past Presidents' reception, all virtual content and access to the conference mobile app and handouts (EventMobi)	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$250.00
Virtual: includes live Zoom sessions, recorded presentations, and access to the conference mobile app and handouts (EventMobi)	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$200.00
Additional awards luncheon tickets	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

Interested in exhibiting at the conference? Contact Cindy Perras at cindy.perras@gmail.com

Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre

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Ideally located in the heart of downtown Toronto, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre provides easy access to the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, shopping, dining, the CN Tower, sporting venues (the Scotiabank Arena and Rogers Centre), and the Entertainment District. Getting there is easy – whether travelling by car, subway, streetcar or train, as the hotel is just a few blocks from Union Station. For those travelling by air, the Union Pearson Express connects Toronto Pearson International Airport with Union Station and the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel.

A block of guest rooms is available at our conference hotel, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre, for December 1 - 5, 2021. Guest room rates, which include complimentary WiFi, are \$175.00 (single/double occupancy), \$195.00 (triple occupancy) and \$255.00 (quadruple occupancy) per night. Amenities include a roof top pool and hot tub, fitness centre, lobby bar and restaurant serving contemporary Canadian cuisine. **Reservations must be booked by November 18, 2021**, either by calling 416.597.9200, and referencing the booking code, "Ontario CEC", or through this hyperlink (also located on the conference website): [Marriott Hotel Reservations. https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1629836922855&key=GRP&app=resvlink](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1629836922855&key=GRP&app=resvlink)