

Faculty Advisor
Aboriginal Students Health Sciences
Office (ASHS)

Aboriginal – Term includes First Nations, Inuit and Métis

The ASHS Faculty Advisor is an Aboriginal health professional with a faculty appointment in the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at McMaster University. Working in collaboration with the ASHS Director and the Aboriginal Health Subcommittee, the Faculty Advisor (ASHS) is one of the representatives of FHS on the President's Committee on Indigenous Issues. The Faculty Advisor (ASHS) reports to the Associate Dean (Education) FHS.

The responsibilities of the Faculty Advisor (ASHS) include the following activities:

- Work closely with the Director (ASHS) to facilitate the mandate of the ASHS office; student career counselling; provision of information about the applications and admissions processes of FHS education programs.
- Liaise closely with the ASHS Director and leaders of FHS education program and their admissions' offices to develop pipeline initiatives to reduce barriers facing Aboriginal students wishing to pursue careers in the health sciences.
- Provide strategic and academic advice and advocacy for the inclusion of increased Aboriginal health curriculum in FHS education programs.
- Provide mentorship to Aboriginal students enrolled in FHS education programs, and, where Aboriginal student mentors are in place (e.g. MD Program), support and advise these student mentors.
- Liaise with Aboriginal faculty and indigenous programs university-wide to enhance the Aboriginal student experience at McMaster.
- Collaborate with the ASHS office to strengthen partnerships with local Aboriginal communities and organisations.
- Represent McMaster University on the Indigenous Health Education Working Group (IHEWG) of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC).
- Represent McMaster University on external committees as required

Time commitment for the position is 0.1 FTE (half-day per week) and is stipended at \$15,000.00 per year. The position is for three years, renewable twice.

Please forward your CV and a cover letter addressed to Dr. Alan J. Neville, Associate Dean of Education c/o Judith McArthur-Dawson HSC 2E18 (mcarthj@mcmaster.ca) **before Friday February 24, 2012.**