

Pre-Conference Innovation Labs



Friday, September 25, 2026 1:00pm-3:00pm

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The Leadership Lab:

Focus Group on Leadership Competencies for Sonographers

Sonography Canada is inviting sonographers from **all areas of practice and all stages of career experience** to participate in an interactive focus group exploring the future of leadership development in the profession.

Leadership in sonography is not limited to formal management roles—it is demonstrated in many ways across clinical practice, education, teamwork, mentorship, and professional engagement. Whether you are an early-career sonographer, experienced clinician, educator, or in a formal leadership position, your perspective is valuable.

This two-hour focus group will bring together sonographers to discuss and identify the key competencies required for effective leadership in today's healthcare environment. Through guided discussion and interactive activities, participants will help shape the direction of future leadership education and continuing professional development opportunities.

Topics will include:

- What leadership looks like across different stages of practice, the sonographer's role, and career development
- Key skills, behaviours, and attributes that support effective leadership
- Gaps in current leadership development opportunities
- How leadership education should be designed to be accessible, practical, and relevant

Who should participate?

We are looking for a diverse group of sonographers, including:

- Early-career sonographers
- Experienced clinical practitioners
- Educators and clinical instructors
- Sonographers in formal or informal leadership roles

Why participate?

Your input will directly influence the development of future leadership learning opportunities for sonographers in Canada. This is a chance to ensure leadership education reflects real-world practice, supports career growth, and meets the needs of the profession at every stage.

The Preceptor Exchange: Identifying Competencies for a Preceptor Education Program (PEP)

We are inviting sonographers, students, educators, and anyone with an interest in clinical precepting to take part in an interactive focus group to help shape the future of **Preceptor Education** in sonography.

As clinical education continues to evolve, strong and well-supported preceptors are essential to ensuring high-quality student learning experiences and building confident, competent future sonographers. This session will bring together a range of voices to explore what effective preceptorship looks like in practice and how best to support those in this important role.

This two-hour interactive session will engage participants in guided discussion about the knowledge, skills, and supports needed for effective clinical preceptorship. Participants will also be asked to help answer key “big questions” from the course developer that will directly inform the design of a future online Preceptor Education Program.

Topics will include:

- Core competencies for effective preceptors
- Real-world challenges and gaps in current preceptorship support
- Ideas for meaningful, practical training content
- Preferred approaches to online learning and course design

Who Should Attend

We welcome participation from:

- Practicing sonographers (current or aspiring preceptors)
- Sonography students
- Clinical educators and program faculty
- Anyone with an interest in clinical teaching, mentorship, or sonography education

Why Participate?

This is your opportunity to directly influence the future of Preceptor Education in sonography. Your experiences and perspectives will help ensure that upcoming training reflects real clinical practice and supports both learners and preceptors effectively.