

# THE IMPACT OF THE UNIVERSALIA CHARLES LUSTHAUS SCHOLARSHIP ON MY RESEARCH AND CAREER

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# Empowering my Research Journey

- Supported PhD dissertation on evaluating AgeTech in a rural and remote dementia care setting
- Facilitated engagement in high-impact evaluation projects at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.
- Focused on practical, sustainable applications of program evaluation



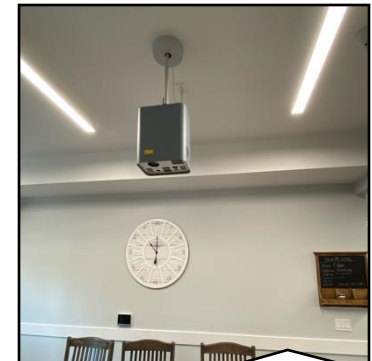
Circadian Lighting



Indoor Hydroponic  
Green Wall



Virtual Biking  
Experience



Tovertafel Interactive  
Game System

AgeTech or gerontechnologies in my dissertation evaluation projects

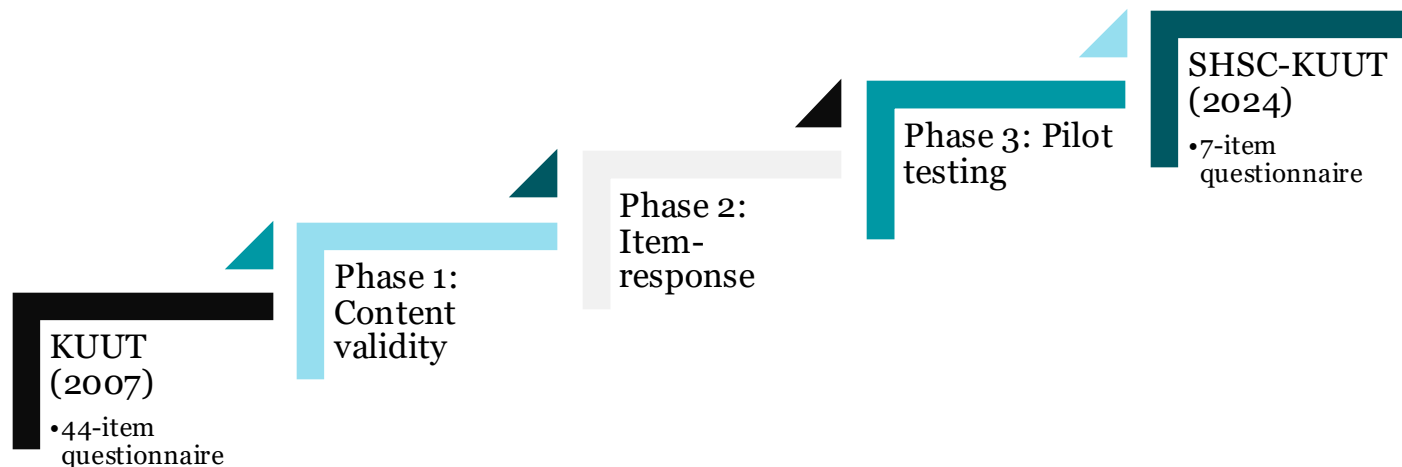


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# Project 1: Enhancing Knowledge Utilization through Tailored Evaluation Tools

- Re-developing the Knowledge Uptake and Utilization Tool (KUUT) for use in continuing education/professional development programs across Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Tailoring the tool to specific project needs, building on the original KUUT published by Dr. Kelly Skinner<sup>1</sup>
- Stakeholder engagement for meaningful and actionable outcomes



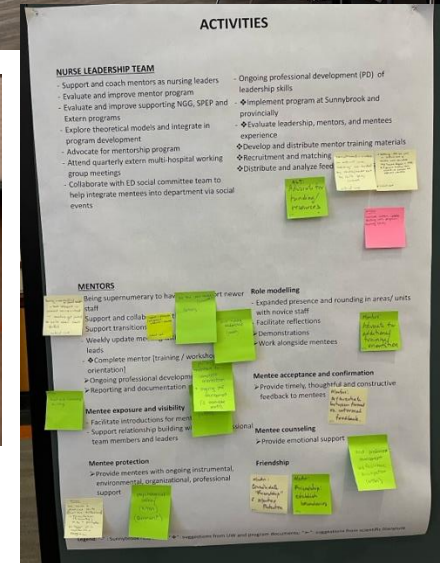
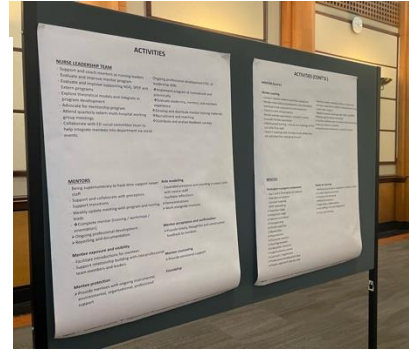
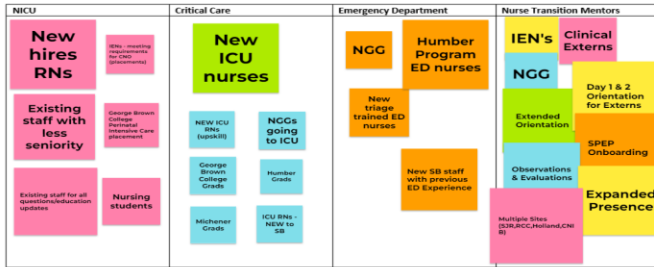
<sup>1</sup>Skinner, K. (2007). Developing a tool to measure knowledge exchange outcomes. *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*, 22(1), 49-73.



# Project 2: Building Evaluation Capacity in Nursing Mentorship Programs

Who do you support in your mentor role?

➡ Add a sticky note



**VISIONING**

1) involvement from unit leadership (changes APR, etc.)  
 ↳ agreement across areas  
 APR to better match needs. 24/7 mentoring Capacity  
 ↳ How to support multi-campus  
 Standardized tools → self evaluations, milestones and goal development  
 ↳ orientation for mentors → standardize and orientation  
 ↳ more welcoming unit culture - leaders sending notice and awareness of mentors/mentees  
 ↳ let us know the new people coming in.

2) Organizational courses/workshops to support development as a mentor  
 ↳ sets direction for mentees as well  
 ↳ curriculum informed by experience and needs from current mentor  
 ↳ How to pass on knowledge gained by mentor about mentees especially if the role on 4 permanent  
 ↳ Understanding where I fit? Role clarity in the department needed.  
 ↳ ↑ confidence, job satisfaction  
 ↳ Evaluation/feedback on how you are doing as a mentor  
 ↳ (See how new others are doing this) (C.C.)



# Personal and Professional Growth

- Developed key skills in evaluation and stakeholder engagement
- Positioned as a knowledgeable evaluator in academic and healthcare settings
- Networking opportunities led to further career growth

# Looking Ahead

## **Continuing Research in AgeTech:**

- Expanding evaluation work in rural and remote communities
- Focus on sustainable implementation practices

## **Future Collaborations:**

- Leveraging networks for new evaluation projects
- Exploring opportunities in public health and healthcare settings

## **Long-Term Goals:**

- Contributing to the field of program evaluation in Canada
- Disseminating lessons learned through reports, presentations, and publications within the Canadian Evaluation Society network

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