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#### Quote of the Month

If we knew what it was we  
were doing, it would not be  
called research, would it?

Albert Einstein

### Education Scholarship & Research

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) defines education scholarship as “any material, product, or resource originally developed to fulfill a specific educational purpose that has been successfully peer-reviewed and is subsequently made public through appropriate dissemination for use by others.”<sup>1</sup> It is difficult to deny the merits of not only consuming, but also producing education scholarship.

Effective education scholarship drives continuous program improvement and supports the professional development of teaching faculty and everyone benefits. Students benefit from the use of innovative teaching strategies. Faculty benefit from feedback from the peer-review process, broadening their teaching toolboxes, and having a record of their efforts. Institutions benefit by gaining name recognition amongst educational leaders on a national level. The message is clear...we, as health professions educators, need to engage in the practice of education scholarship. But, how do we get started?

The Office of Continuing Professional Development and TEACH understand that education scholarship can be challenging. We want to help. Here are some resources and ways to get the ball rolling:

- Dr. David Musick will be presenting, *Scholarship in Medical Education: It's More than Rocket Science* on **May 23**, 12:00-1:00 pm in the CRMH ED Conference Room.
- Our 2016 TEACH Education Day (**October 13**) will focus on Education Scholarship. Dr. Rebecca Blanchard (University of Massachusetts Medical School, Baystate Health) will present her keynote address at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:30 pm. Between keynote sessions, we will also hold workshops related to various practical elements of the education scholarship process AND faculty will have the opportunity to display posters they have recently presented related to education scholarship. Please stay tuned for more details!
- TEACH members are invited to participate in bi-monthly education journal club meetings during which one faculty member leads an interactive critical evaluation of an article from the health professions education literature. Our next meeting will be held in June.
- TEACH (our Teaching Excellence Academy for Collaborative Healthcare) focuses on fostering our faculty's development as teachers, learners, and **education researchers**. Enroll now! <http://info.vtc.vt.edu/teach/>

Happy Learning!  
Shari Whicker, EdD

1. AAMC. (2013). Educational Scholarship Guides. Retrieved April 2016 at: [https://www.mededportal.org/download/190392/data/educational\\_scholarship\\_guide.pdf](https://www.mededportal.org/download/190392/data/educational_scholarship_guide.pdf)