

Nancy Mayo

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Nancy Mayo is an outstanding graduate student mentor. A Professor in the Department of Medicine at the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy at McGill University, she has supervised 70 Master's students and 30 doctoral students, many of whom have become leaders in health research in Canada and around the globe.

Dr. Mayo is known for her ability to foster confidence in novice learners. A dedicated mentor who inspires her graduate students to excel, she works hard to develop the life-long learning habits that are required in the fast-changing world of health science. "She has an infectious love for research and mentorship," writes a former graduate, which encourages a spirit of community among her students. Once students are made to feel confident and comfortable in their roles, Dr. Mayo fosters the development of critical thinking, scholarly rigour, and creativity, as well as professional competencies in written and oral communication. She helps her students to ask challenging questions, to develop innovative methodologies, and to acquire the skills necessary to communicate their research to broad audiences.

Dr. Mayo's mentorship extends beyond the academic sphere, as she also invests time in her students' professional and personal development. "She developed a learning environment that allowed students to interact and support each other, and to develop their own mentorship style," recalls a former Ph.D. student. "Many of us today have embraced her passion for teaching as we supervise our own trainees."



Nancy Mayo is a James McGill Professor in the Department of Medicine at the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, McGill University. She is also a scientist in the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation at the McGill University Hospital Center Research Institute, and leads a research program on Function, Disability and Quality of Life for Vulnerable Populations.

