



# **Trade Press Release**

# CAE Healthcare and The Michener Institute officially open state-of-theart healthcare simulation centre

**Toronto, May 25, 2010** – CAE Healthcare and The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences formally celebrated the official opening of one of Canada's largest simulation centres. The CAE/Michener Centre for the Advancement of Simulation and Education (CASE) is one of the first in North America to specialize in providing interprofessional, simulation-based education for integrated healthcare teams, including health professionals.

The aviation simulation-based training model is becoming universally recognized as one of the most effective ways to prepare healthcare professionals to respond to critical situations, while reducing the overall risk to patients. Michener is collaborating with CAE Healthcare to draw on CAE's vast aviation simulation expertise and combine it with Michener's innovative curriculum.

"I am very pleased to celebrate the opening of the CAE/Michener Centre for the Advancement of Simulation and Education," announced Dr. Paul Gamble, President and CEO, The Michener Institute. "This state-of-the-art facility is designed to enhance the student experience by using interprofessional education and integrated simulated learning to better prepare our future healthcare providers to respond to patient care needs."

The CAE/Michener CASE offers two floors of simulation space totalling 20,000 square feet. Located in The Michener Institute's facility in Toronto, it provides state-of-the art simulation studios and OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) suites that can support a variety of team-based healthcare simulation scenarios, such as pandemic planning, operating room and emergency room situations in both virtual and physical spaces. Applied health science , nursing and medical students will be able to simulate together in flexible spaces and teaching environments that will prepare them to work effectively together in integrated healthcare teams in the clinical environment.

"We are proud to partner with The Michener Institute to develop cutting-edge simulation-based educational solutions together, which will leverage our expertise in team-based training and contribute to the ability of Michener graduates to improve the safety and efficiency of health systems, in Ontario, Canada and elsewhere," said Guillaume Hervé, President of CAE Healthcare. "By building on our respective strengths, we will play an important role in transforming the healthcare training environment."

## About The Michener Institute

The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences is Canada's only post-secondary institution devoted exclusively to applied health science education. Since 1958, Michener has educated applied health professionals who serve a vital role in the country's healthcare sector in such fields as medical laboratory science, medical radiation sciences, respiratory therapy, chiropody, diagnostic cytology, genetics technology, ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Interprofessionalism, patient-centred learning and simulation-enhanced education are essentials of the Michener academic experience for over 5,000 full-time, part-time and continuing education students. The Michener Institute is publicly funded by the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health and

Long-Term Care and further enriched through partnerships with universities, private sector companies and leading health care organizations. For more information, visit <u>www.michener.ca</u>.

#### About CAE Healthcare

CAE Healthcare is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CAE (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE). CAE Healthcare is applying CAE's training, simulation and modelling know-how from aviation to bring best practices to the healthcare industry. It is developing cutting-edge learning tools and innovative simulation solutions for healthcare education with the objective of offering healthcare professionals the opportunity to learn using multiple simulation platforms before testing their skills on patients. The ultimate goal is to improve clinical competence and expertise and enhance the quality and safety of patient care and the efficiency of healthcare systems. www.cae.com/healthcare

CAE is a world leader in providing simulation and modelling technologies and integrated training solutions for the civil aviation industry and defence forces around the globe. With annual revenues exceeding C\$1.5 billion, CAE employs more than 7,000 people at more than 100 sites and training locations in more than 20 countries. The company has the largest installed base of civil and military full-flight simulators and training devices. Through its global network of 29 civil aviation and military training centres, it trains more than 75,000 crew members yearly. CAE also offers modelling and simulation software to various market segments and, through CAE's professional services division, assists customers with a wide range of simulation-based needs. www.cae.com

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High resolution downloadable photos of the event and of the centre will be available at <u>www.cae.com/photos</u>

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