

# Academy of Clinicians as Teachers (ACT)

## Certificate Program – ONLINE!

September 2025-May 2026

**APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!**

**Application Deadline: August 1, 2025**

**Cost: \$100**

Physicians teach every day but what does it mean to be an effective teacher? Being an effective physician does not necessarily mean that you are prepared to be an effective teacher. The Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Office of Medical Education Research and Development has partnered with the Department of Medicine at University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson\*\* to create the Academy of Clinicians as Teachers (ACT) Certificate Program. In this program, clinical educators will work on questioning, observation and feedback, creating an optimum learning environment, and other student-centered teaching strategies. At the end of the program, participants will have a strong start on scholarship around their experience as a medical educator and a certificate as a graduate of the ACT program.

\*\*This program is open to Core Faculty, Associate Program Directors, and Newly Appointed Program Directors (less than 3 years in your role) in the Department of Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson.

### Benefits:

- Collaborate with other clinician educators, sharing ideas and strategies
- Become more proficient and confident in teaching skills
- Develop as a medical education scholar

### Certificate Program Unique Features:

- Practice applying ideas discussed in study groups and analyze results of practice
- Learn how to use Action Research to improve your teaching practice and engage in scholarly work on your teaching
- Present results of your Action Research in the ACT Luncheon Showcase in May
- Earn up to 13 *AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™*
  - 9 credits for session attendance
  - 3 credits for prep modules
  - 1 credit for project coaching meetings



## Requirements:

- Participate in six, 1.5-hour online group sessions (you may miss one session excluding the showcase, but you are responsible for watching the recording and completing any assigned work):
  - September 24, 2025 –3:00-4:30 pm MST Arizona – Zoom virtual
  - October 22, 2025 –3:00-4:30 pm MST Arizona – Zoom virtual
  - November 19, 2025 –3:00-4:30 pm MST Arizona – Zoom virtual
  - December 17, 2025 –3:00-4:30 pm MST Arizona – Zoom virtual
  - January 14, 2026 –3:00-4:30 pm MST Arizona – Zoom virtual
  - February 11, 2026 –3:00-4:30 pm MST Arizona – Zoom virtual
  - May 2026 TBD by group –In Person (Luncheon Showcase)
- Participation in all learning activities
- Full participation September 2024-May 2025 to receive certificate with completion of the Action Research Project

## Time Commitment September 2025-May 2026 (~20.5 hours)

- Virtual monthly group sessions September-February (9 hours)
- Six preparation modules (3 hours) – CME credits available for modules
- Two 30 min. Zoom meetings for personalized project coaching (1 hour)
- Scholarly project work January - May (6+ hours)
- Showcase presentation event (Luncheon TBD) – May (1.5 hours)

## Timeline:

- Applications due August 1, 2025
- Notification of acceptance August 15, 2025
- Program runs September 2025 - May 2026

Space is limited so apply soon at: [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\\_dc1ctmrU3ZtgOLU](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_dc1ctmrU3ZtgOLU)

We will be taking six participants from UArizona and six from Michigan State University.

Upon acceptance, you will be notified by ACT Certificate Program Facilitator: **Breanna Sherrow-Serrano, PhD**, [bsherrow@arizona.edu](mailto:bsherrow@arizona.edu). A \$100 registration fee will be collected once accepted into the program.

The College of Human Medicine Office of CME designates this program for a maximum of 13 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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