Summary of Research of Jasper Yeung 2014 Award Recipient of Dr. Peter N. McCracken Legacy Scholarship

Jasper's research project is a two-part study intended to advance scientific understandings on achieving successful and independent toileting amongst residents residing in long term care. Toileting disability is an understudied and poorly described disability in the older population. This disability requires higher levels of care that is both a financial and personal burden through the loss of independence. Jasper's thesis project will identify research gaps in the field, helping to better inform practice and facilitate the development of strategies to promote toileting independence.

The first part of Jasper's research project involves conducting a scoping review to capture the breadth of scientific literature available on this topic. For several months, Jasper has been working closely with his supervisors and the librarians at the University of Alberta to develop and employ an effective search strategy on electronic databases. Having completed the initial search, Jasper invited several reviewers on board to complete screening of these articles. They are now approaching the final stages of screening. The research findings will be tabulated and presented shortly. Jasper and his team are hoping to publish the findings late March 2016. Meanwhile, Jasper is collaborating with his supervisory committee to develop a research proposal for the second study with an expected completion date planned for summer 2016.