Interprofessional Education (IPE) at Pacific University

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Overview of Pacific University

• Independent, comprehensive university
• Private institution which focuses on public service
• Reputation for exceptional quality in liberal arts & professional education
• Campuses and clinics in Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Portland and Eugene

Academic Divisions

• College of Arts & Sciences
• College of Education
• College of Optometry
• College of Health Professions (CHP)
• College of Business
College of Health Professions

Mission
Pacific University's College of Health Professions is dedicated to preparing leaders in innovative healthcare for a diverse global community.

Vision
The College of Health Professions aspires to excellence and sustainability in interprofessional scholarship, education, and practice to create models of person-centered healthcare.

Health Professional Programs at Pacific University
- Athletic Training
- Audiology
- Dental Health Science (Dental Hygiene)
- Gerontology
- Healthcare Administration
- Healthcare Compliance
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Psychology
- Speech/Language Pathology

Interprofessional Education (IPE) at Pacific University
- Interprofessional Competence Course (IPC)
- Interprofessional Case Conference (ICC)
- Interprofessional Diabetes Clinic (IDC)
- Interprofessional Elective Courses
- Interprofessional Teaching Opportunities
- Fieldwork & Internship Sites
- Community Service Projects
- Interprofessional Travel Abroad Programs
- Interprofessional Online Journal
Interprofessional Competence Course (IPC)

- Required course for all first-year CHP students
- Focuses on development of essential skills & attitudes needed to function effectively in an interprofessional healthcare community
- Students are placed in interprofessional teams for all didactic and experiential sessions
- Didactic topics include: 1) roles & responsibilities of health professionals; 2) team dynamics & professionalism; 3) effective communication & appreciation of differences; 4) community resources
- Students participate in a community service experience as an interdisciplinary team

IPC Poster Session

Each interdisciplinary team creates & participates in a professional poster session highlighting their experiential community service project & integration of the didactic learning areas

Interdisciplinary Case Conferences (ICC)

- Six case conferences are scheduled each year on Friday afternoons
- All CHP students are encouraged/required to attend
- Patient cases are presented by a team of faculty from the CHP programs
- Students participate in group activities and discuss patient cases from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Students learn how their professions can work together to provide better outcomes for the patient
ICC Topics

- Aphasia
- Chronic Pain
- Diabetes
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Eating Disorders
- Oregon Health Policy
- Caring for Caregivers
- End-Stage Disease
- Spina Bifida
- Methamphetamine Use
- Multiple Sclerosis
- HIV & AIDS
- Autism
- Breast Cancer
- Health & Human dignity
- Health & Gender Equity
- Health & Poverty
- Pediatric Obesity
- Geriatrics
- Alzheimer’s Disease
- Genetic Disorders
- Self-Care for Healthcare Professionals

Interdisciplinary Diabetes Clinic (IDC)

- Held one Saturday each month throughout the year
- Students & faculty provide interdisciplinary healthcare services to Hispanic patients with diabetes
- Participating programs include dental hygiene, physician assistant, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, pharmacy & optometry

IDC Format

Morning Session
- Patients receive clinical assessments from 4 disciplines
- Students accompany each patient to different services to learn what each profession offers & to understand the patient's overall health issues

Afternoon Session
- Clinicians report their findings
- Case discussion & learning
- Prioritization of treatment
Interprofessional Elective Courses

- Faculty from different disciplines work together to develop 1-credit interprofessional elective courses
- Courses usually meet 5:00-7:00 PM every other week
- Students from all health professional programs may enroll in these courses at no additional charge
- Students discuss the course topics from an interdisciplinary perspective

IPE Elective Courses Offered

- Disability in a Disabling Society
- Supporting Care Givers Across the Lifespan
- Parkinson’s Disease Management & Care
- Managing Traumatic Brain Injuries

Interprofessional Teaching Opportunities

- Dental hygiene students teach physician assistant students to administer intra-oral injections
- Physical therapy students teach dental hygiene students about ergonomics & wheelchair transfers and evaluate work station ergonomics for faculty & staff
- Dental hygiene faculty teach physician assistant students about oral lesions
- Pharmacy faculty teach dental hygiene students about medications
- An interprofessional faculty panel present to optometry students the relationship of the eyes to other health concerns
Fieldwork & Internship Sites

Migrant Farmworkers
CHP students provide health services to migrant farm workers at farms & vineyards throughout Washington County.

Community Service Projects

Project Homeless Connect
In January of each year, CHP students work together to provide a variety of health services to homeless people in Washington County.

Interprofessional Travel Abroad Programs

CHP Interprofessional Trip to Nicaragua
Approximately 20 students and faculty travel to Nicaragua in December each year to provide health-related services to abandoned elders.
Interprofessional Online Journal

- In 2011, Pacific University launched Health and Interprofessional Practice (HIP), a peer-reviewed open access journal
- HIP is dedicated to increasing the availability of high-quality evidence to inform patient care and practitioner education from an interprofessional perspective
- Publication of HIP is coordinated by faculty from Pacific University's College of Health Professions, College of Optometry and University Library in collaboration with health professions colleagues at other institutions

Interprofessional Education: What’s Next at Pacific University?

- Develop interprofessional certificate program
- Use SIM lab for interprofessional activities
- Provide interprofessional disaster response training
- Apply IDC model to other diseases or conditions
- Seek out additional interprofessional fieldwork sites
- Use co-faculty positions to develop interprofessional learning opportunities at partner agencies
- Expand interdisciplinary travel abroad program to other countries
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