Interprofessional education, or “IPE,” is about bringing learners from the various health professions together to learn about, from, and with each other. The collegiality and collaboration that grows from learning together prepares students for interprofessional practice, or “IPP,” where professionals from various disciplines care for patients as a collaborative team.

The Health Science Schools of Indiana University and the Purdue University College of Pharmacy are teaming up to form the Center for Interprofessional Health Education and Practice (CIPHEP) to implement, integrate, and evaluate interprofessional education programs and to analyze how to translate those programs into practical models. The virtual center will develop curriculum, train faculty, and evaluate outcomes.

**Vision Statement**

Indiana University is committed to interprofessional health care education that prepares learners to partner in providing high quality, team-based care to optimize health.

**Mission Statement**

To implement, support, and evaluate interprofessional health education and practice programs at Indiana University in order to translate the outcomes of interprofessional health education into collaborative practice models.

**Core Values for Interprofessional Health Care Education**

- Mutual trust and respect
- Open and responsive communication
- Collective responsibility in decision making
- Shared accountability
Goals of the Center for Interprofessional Health Education and Practice

- To be a national leader in interprofessional health education and practice; to emerge as an influential presence in developing and analyzing environments and policies that support the implementation of interprofessional health education and practice within the university, with a goal of removing any barriers that may exist. The Center will also seek to influence state and national policies in support of interprofessional health education and practice.

- To increase the interprofessional health education and practice opportunities available to students at Indiana University and in the community; integrate these opportunities throughout the curricula.

- To support and develop faculty interest in and efforts toward interprofessional health education and practice.

- To develop and implement a robust system of evaluation for all interprofessional health education and practice programs at Indiana University; utilize evaluation information to continuously refine and improve programs.

- To add to the scientific research knowledge base on the benefits and best practices of interprofessional health education and practice.

Founding Schools

IU School of Dentistry
IU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
IU School of Medicine
IU School of Nursing

IU School of Optometry
IU Fairbanks School of Public Health
IU School of Public Health—Bloomington
IU School of Social Work

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