The Center for Health IPE serves as UT Austin’s central body to promote innovative learning experiences, disseminate best practices, convene key health and education stakeholders, and champion impact-driven scholarship that advances collaborative, person-centered care and population-oriented health.

WHAT IS HEALTH IPE?

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines interprofessional education as “when students from two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes” and interprofessional collaborative practice as “when multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds work together with patients, families, carers [sic], and communities to deliver the highest quality of care across settings.” The Center for Health IPE promotes activities, programs, and experiences that align with these definitions, meet at least one core competency as outlined by the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC), and foster interaction among learners.

IPEC CORE COMPETENCIES

IPEC developed four core competencies that outline desired principles of practice among all health professions and that are meant to be integrated into health interprofessional curricula. The Center for Health IPE advocates for learning experiences that promote with these four competencies, as well as their sub-competencies.

WHY HEALTH IPE?

The Center for Health IPE believes that transforming health care delivery systems begins with promoting interprofessional learning opportunities among health professionals and students. Learners who engage in health IPE educational experiences become sought-after change agents positioned to impact health care systems so they are more person-centered, collaborative, and cost-efficient.

The Center for Health IPE is interested in working with students, faculty, staff, and community members to grow health interprofessional education and advance collaborative practice. Check our website for a list of opportunities for involvement, including how to become a Center for Health IPE Affiliate where you can connect with colleagues from various disciplines who are interested in furthering health IPE.

HOW THE CENTER FOR HEALTH IPE CAN HELP
To advance health interprofessional education and collaborative practice, the Center for Health IPE strives to:

- Bring together schools, colleges, centers, and health professions programs interested in building collaborative learning opportunities for students
- Convene stakeholders from the university, health institutions, and community to explore innovations in transforming health professions education, practice, and community engagement
- Support health professions programs in integrating interprofessional education into respective curricula to address accreditation standards
- Provide professional development opportunities for faculty, staff, health practitioners, and other professionals
- Promote student-driven interprofessional initiatives that improve collaborative care and foster leadership

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