
Interprofessional Mini-Course Series 2018-2019

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

What is a mini-course?

A mini-course is a set of educational activities related to a current topic offered outside the traditional structure of a university course. For example, a traditional course will meet for sixteen weeks during the regular semester. Instead, this mini-course has a total of ten meetings and is offered over the course of an academic year.

What is a thematic component?

The mini-course series is subdivided into four parts – or thematic components. Each of the four parts is structured to deliver an educational activity. For example, our four thematic components are:

1. Journal Club
2. Book Review
3. Pizza & Movie
4. Team Building Activity

What is a module?

A module is the term used to define each meeting or session. This mini-course series has ten modules, or ten class meetings. Each thematic component has a different number of modules.

- 4-module Journal Club (1 ½ hours each)
- 3-module Book Review (1 ½ hours each)
- 2-module Pizza & Movie series (3 hours each)
- 1 team challenge activity (1 hour)

What is Interprofessional Education?

“Interprofessional education occurs when students from two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes. Once students understand how to work interprofessionally, they are ready to enter the workplace as a member of the collaborative practice team. This is a key step in moving health systems from fragmentation to a position of strength.”¹

What are the IPEC Competencies?

The Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) has issued a 2016 Update to the [Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice](#). The competencies are benchmarks intended to guide educational programs beyond their discipline-specific objectives and form collaborative approaches to integrating the concepts of interprofessional practice. These competencies are recognized by educational organizations throughout the United States.

Why should I participate?

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is committed to the development and expansion of a comprehensive, cohesive, competency-driven menu of interdisciplinary learning experiences for every student at every level. This includes the advancement of course offerings

¹ World Health Organization (WHO). (2010). *Framework for action on Interprofessional education & collaborative practice*. Geneva: World Health Organization. See http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2010/WHO_HRH_HPN_10.3_eng.pdf.

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producing distinctive, practice-ready, collaborative health care professionals who deliver patient-centered care. This mini-course series is one of many interprofessional activities on campus. Participants who complete the mini-course will receive a completion certificate and will be encouraged to list their participation on their CV/resume.

Why is enrollment limited to 14 participants?

In the inaugural pilot, enrollment is limited to ensure functionality of the mini-course series, test processes and procedures, and receive valuable feedback and evaluations.

How will the wait list work?

Registration preference will be given to those learners who can complete all ten modules of the mini-course series. Additional spots, though not to exceed 14 for each thematic component, will likely be available. In the event that a component or module has seats available, such as from a student graduating in December and not continuing in the spring semester, enrollment spots will be given to those on the wait list. Wait list selection will be prioritized based on the date of original registration. If/when this mini-course is offered again, those on the wait list will be given priority placement.

What if I have to miss a module?

Busy schedules are certainly a challenge at an academic health center. Please contact the Office of Interdisciplinary Education Programs to coordinate missed modules and to ensure a spot can be given to someone from the wait list in a timely manner.

Will this course be offered through distance education?

In the inaugural pilot we will offer this mini-course to participants from the Tulsa campus via distance education if a local facilitator can be arranged. Please contact the Office of Interdisciplinary Education Programs for details.

How will I get the Book Review text?

The Office of Interdisciplinary Education Programs will contact participants to:

1. Confirm enrollment
2. Provide details on where to pick-up mini-course materials

What will I receive at the end of the mini-course?

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Why are the modules held in the evening?

Aligning schedules across more than 20 academic programs at the OU Health Sciences Center can be a challenge. The evening time block was chosen to accommodate the greatest number of schedules across campus.

Where are meetings held?

To facilitate building access and ease of parking, the mini-courses modules will be held at the [Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library](#) at the OU Health Sciences Center campus in Oklahoma City.

Who do I contact with any questions?

Please contact the Assistant Director, Interdisciplinary Education Program, at Margaret-Robinson@ouhsc.edu or by phone at (405) 271-5557.