

Rehab Sciences and the OUHSC IPE Clinical Experience

The Office of Interdisciplinary Programs, and the Interprofessional Educators & Practitioners Association, at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, is hosting the 2018-2019 IPE Clinical Experience at Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City.

Department of Rehabilitation Sciences (DRS)

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in the OUHSC College of Allied Health is the *only* department in the country to offer integrated curricula for [Master Degree of Occupational Therapy \(MOT\)](#) and [Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree \(DPT\)](#) students. This interprofessional approach prepares graduates to become leaders in the changing and challenging health care environment of the 21st Century. Students learn early the skills and strategies required for being a successful member of a health care team.

Occupational therapy and physical therapy clinicians can also pursue [Doctor of Science \(DSc\)](#) and [Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#) programs. These programs are designed for students seeking advanced education in evidence-based practice and new theories in teaching and administration. Their culminating academic responsibilities are in their scholarly work and leadership practicum.

The Clinical Experience



The principle focus of the [OUHSC IPE Clinical Experience](#) is to provide students with an opportunity to reinforce the [IPEC Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice](#).

These competencies are

Communication, Roles & Responsibilities, Values & Ethics, and Teams & Teamwork. This is accomplished by creating interprofessional teams of students drawn from 15 different degree tracks to provide team-based, patient-centered care at the [Good Shepherd Clinic](#) (GSC) in Oklahoma City. The GSC is located in the Midtown area and services hundreds of uninsured medical and dental patients from throughout central Oklahoma. The experience meets on Thursday evenings through March.

DRS & the IPE Clinical Experience

In 2018-2019, eight DRS students participated in the IPE Clinical Experience. DPT students contribute by assisting patients and team members with promotion of optimal health, prevention of disability, and the restoration and maintenance of physical activities that contribute to a successful life.



Our MOT students contribute by preventing, reducing, and helping people overcome physical, social, and emotional impairments that may impact the ability to participate in the everyday activities that they need and want to do.

Occupational therapists work to restore and sustain the highest quality of productive life to persons of all ages

The experience also features a “Passport” function where students of all disciplines travel through the clinic and have an opportunity to visit and observe other professions in action. The intention is for all disciplines to see rehabilitation sciences students in action while allowing DPT and MOT students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are provided guidance by Dr. Cyndy Robinson, and Professor Denise Bender.

Success Stories



Among our many stories, two stand out. In the fall, two of our MOT students were able to prescribe assistive devices for patients. One student was able to obtain a sock donner while another worked with staff at GSC to obtain a shower seat. By keeping it simple, our student was able to assist in helping a patient to bathe safely by not just requesting the equipment, but also in training the patient to use it.

Another great success came when one of our DPT students was on “Passport” in the dental clinic. The student offered a consultation on a mobility issue and demonstrated interventions, including yoga, to the dental patient and other team members. This unique opportunity highlighted the importance in team assessment and collaboration in treatment.



Invitation to Visit

Faculty are invited to visit the IPE Clinical Experience to observe our student teams in action. Please contact Margaret-Robinson@ouhsc.edu or (405) 271-5557.