

College of Medicine 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.

College of Medicine Programs

Doctor of Medicine

The [OU College of Medicine](#) MD program consists of basic science and clinical coursework designed to help students master the core knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for the practice of medicine. The four-year curriculum consists of two track options: the traditional track offered on the main academic medical center campus in Oklahoma City and the School of Community Medicine (SCM) track offered on the regional branch campus in Tulsa. College of Medicine students receive an education that is steeped in the triad of academic medicine- education, research and patient care and enter their careers well-positioned to make a difference in people's lives through both skill and compassion.

Physician Associate Degree

The [Physician Assistant](#) is a professional member of the health care team qualified by intense basic science and clinical training to function under the supervision of a physician. The Physician Assistant is not a physician replacement, but works as an efficient way for physicians to extend health care services to you and your family. The curriculum has two phases, a 15 month didactic training and 12 months of clinical rotations.

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.

COM & the IPE Clinical Experience



In 2018-2019, nine MD students and eight PA students participated in the IPE Clinical Experience. College of Medicine students contribute by assisting patients and team members with initial assessment and diagnosis, prescription of treatment plans, and directing follow-up care.

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 MD and PA students in action while allowing COM students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are provided guidance by their team faculty facilitator and medical attendings.

Success Stories

A patient with a recent lower limb amputation was seen by our IPE clinic team at Good Shepherd. The PA and MD students, along with nursing and pharmacy students, were able to assess the patient for chief medical complaints. Following additional assessments by dietetics, DDS, dental hygiene, occupational therapy, audiology and social work students, as coordinated by the public health student, the team was able to huddle and recommend a comprehensive plan of care. This included referrals for physical therapy through the patient assistance program, updated prescriptions, and assessment and referral for onset of depression. This saved the patient and their family countless hours in office visits with individual providers, saved untold costs through transportation, copayments, or prescription costs, and provided a peace of mind through competent and thorough care. The patient was extremely pleased with the level of care provided. The patient, and their entire family, expressed intense gratitude at the conclusion of the clinic visit.



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.