

## Nursing 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.

### Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing



An Oklahoma tradition with a global reach, [the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing](#) is a nationally-recognized college offering [bachelor's](#), [master's](#) and [doctoral](#) level

programs to professional nurses from throughout the world. Founded in 1911, the OU College of Nursing is the state's largest nursing program and is dedicated to continuing the leadership and academic excellence that have become synonymous with the University of Oklahoma.

Academic programs offered include:

- [Bachelor of Science in Nursing \(BSN\)](#)
- [MSN Administration Management](#)
- [MSN Clinical Nurse Specialist \(CNS\)](#)
- [MSN Education](#)
- [MSN Family Nurse Practitioner \(FNP\)](#)
- [PhD in Nursing](#)
- [Doctorate of Nursing Practice \(DNP\)](#)

### 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. One way this is accomplished is 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.

### Nursing & the IPE Clinical Experience

In 2018-2019, nine BSN, two Clinical Nurse Specialist, and two Family Nurse Practitioner students participated in the IPE Clinical Experience. BSN students contribute in the student-nurse role by assisting with patient intake and triage, participating in acute care and/or specialty treatment, and contributing during team huddles and debriefs. Our MSN students also have opportunities to contribute to assessment, diagnosis, and treatment care plans.



The experience features a "Passport" function where nursing students and other 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 nursing students in action while allowing BSN and MSN students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are provided guidance by Clinical Assistant Professor Cindy Rieger and Clinical Instructor Susan Eckman.

### Success Stories



"Working on an interprofessional team that prepares you for patient care collaboration is wonderful on its own, but OUHSC elevated this opportunity in its partnership with the GSC. Under guidance and leadership from a

Physician, Nurse, and Pharmacist volunteer leadership, our diverse student teams provide real holistic care to real patients. This experience enhances our understanding of the IPEC Core Competencies and is an excellent platform for community engagement. I love that we are put into teams and it's great that this lasts for two semesters. We get to see how we can improve and grow in our communication, productivity, and skill execution in each post-clinic debrief. This program is just another example of how OU invests in students and professionals to make a healthier Oklahoma."

-Lauren Dankwa, RN-BSN, Adult Gerontology APRN-CNS student, 2019

### 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](mailto:Margaret-Robinson@ouhsc.edu) or (405) 271-5557.