

Pharmacy 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 Pharmacy (COP)

Pharmacy was the first professional program at The University of Oklahoma, and, since 1896, the College of Pharmacy has had more than 5,300 graduates. The College offers the [Doctor of Pharmacy](#) professional degree program, [graduate programs](#) in the Pharmaceutical Sciences leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees, and [residency and fellowship programs](#).

The OUHSC College of Pharmacy is recognized for contributions in pharmacy education, research and scholarship, and service. The College is a diverse learning institution where students and faculty actively engage and collaborate with patients and other health care providers and academic and industry partners to promote health, optimize medication use outcomes, and create new drugs and devices. The College strives to positively impact and advance the profession and health throughout the state, region, and nation by providing dynamic leadership.

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.

COP & the IPE Clinical Experience

In 2018-2019, eight Pharmacy students participated in the IPE Clinical Experience. Pharmacy students contribute by assisting patients and team members with prescription reconciliation and patient education. Many prescriptions are filled immediately for patients while at the clinic at no or low cost. Additional resources are also available through the Patient Assistance Program.

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 Pharmacy students in action while allowing COP students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are provided guidance by Professor Vincent Dennis, and Dr. Jennifer Chonlahan, who staffs the in-house Pharmacy during the IPE Clinical Experience.



Success Stories

Recently a team saw a patient who had obtained prescriptions from an international source. The patient, who had complex health needs, could not fully explain all the medicines ordered, or how routinely they were taken. Of the prescriptions that were provided, the names were listed in another language.



In these situations the IPE team must assess the patient’s needs with the direct assistance of the COP student. The team must be aware of cultural biases against the American healthcare system and provide necessary patient

consultation and education to change prescriptions. The Pharmacy student will work with the team and resident Pharmacist to suggest alternative replacements available through the GSC formulary or through the Patient Assistance Program. In many cases the patient is pleasantly surprised to find their replacement medications can be provided at no cost compared to the high price they often incur to ship meds from overseas.

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.