

Public Health 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.

Hudson College of Public Health

The [OU Hudson College of Public Health](#) is one of only 50 accredited schools of public health in the United States. A multi-disciplinary faculty prepares students for public health practice in five core areas; biostatistics, epidemiology, health administration and policy, health promotion sciences and occupational and environmental health.

Degree Programs:

[Biostatistics and Epidemiology](#)

MPH, MS, PhD, BS/MS(Biostatistics and Math)

[Health Administration and Policy](#)

MPH, MHA, MPH/JD, MHA/JD

[Health Promotion Sciences](#)

MPH, MS, PhD, MPH/MSW

[Occupational and Environmental Health](#)

MPH, MS, PhD

[Interdisciplinary Public Health](#)

MPH

[Certificate of Public Health](#)

[Certificate of Healthcare Administration](#)

[Bachelor of Public Health](#)

BPH awarded jointly with the College of Arts and Sciences

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.

COPH & the IPE Clinical Experience



In 2018-2019, six Public Health students participated in the IPE Clinical Experience. Public Health students contribute by assisting patients and team members with care management. Public Health students provide expertise at the Good Shepherd Clinic in

the area of population health and social determinants of health - understanding how the patient's socio-economic status, environmental factors and health behaviors affect their health.

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 Public Health students in action while allowing COPH students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are provided guidance by their team faculty facilitator and program faculty.

Success Stories

In the fall, a Public Health student was assisting his team with the initial triage of an elderly patient. Based on his expertise from a MHA course in US Health Care Systems, the student was able to identify possible need for access to medical insurance resources.

The student worked collaboratively with a Social Work student to aid the patient with identifying additional opportunities for assistance.

Each clinic visit provides a great opportunity for COPH students to contribute meaningfully to the interprofessional healthcare team. Whether it be through their knowledge of systems, ability to manage teams, or direction of patient-centered care, Public Health students are an integral component in the success of the IPE Clinical Experience.



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.