

Social Work 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.

Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work



The [Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work](#) advances relevant and high-quality knowledge and values of social work practice useful in preparing competent social workers who can elevate the status of people, populations or communities that experience

considerable vulnerability and injustice within Oklahoma and the broader society.

The school achieves its mission by preparing skilled social work practitioners who are committed to practice that includes services to the poor and oppressed, by improving and developing social service programs, and by promoting professionalism in social work in Oklahoma. To this end, the school offers two degree programs: an undergraduate major in social work leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BSW) and a graduate program leading to a Master of Social Work (MSW).

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.

Social Work & IPE Clinical Experience

In 2018-2019, eight students from the Master of Social Work program will participate in each of the eight teams at the IPE Clinical Experience hosted at GSC. Students will provide important direction to our teams by assisting with patient intake and triage, participating in acute care and/or specialty treatment, and contributing during team huddles and debriefs.



The experience also features a “Passport” function where social work students and other disciplines will travel through the clinic and have an opportunity to visit and observe other professions in action, including in the dental clinic. The intention is for all disciplines to see social work in action while allowing social work students a chance to observe how others provide care.

Teams are joined this year by the Director for the Center for Social Work & Health, Instructor Terrie Fritz, Undergraduate Coordinator, Instructor Jennifer Dell, and MSW alumna, Raina Leckie, who currently works as a LCSW at Stephenson Cancer Center.

Success Stories

Patients recruited for the IPE Clinical Experience often have complex social and medical needs. At our first clinic meeting on 10/11/18 our team saw a patient with severe substance use disorder that was contributing to adverse health outcomes. Our Social Work students, under the direction of Professor Terrie Fritz, were able to offer meaningful contributions guiding the treatment plan of this patient. It is due to the unique and distinctive training of our MSW students that our team was able to provide such thorough, well-rounded, patient-centered care.



Invitation to Visit

Faculty are invited to visit the IPE Clinical Experience to observe our student teams in action. Please contact the Assistant Director for Interdisciplinary Programs, Margaret Robinson, to schedule your visit: Margaret-Robinson@ouhsc.edu or (405) 271-5557.