Poster 1: Education
Clinical Care Planning Interprofessional Course (CCPIC)

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Clinical Care Planning Interprofessional Course will prepare students for active roles in interprofessional patient-centered care, emphasizing principles of group dynamics with familiarization of roles and functions of various health care professionals.

Evidence suggests that interprofessional collaborative practice significantly improves patient outcomes in reduced mortality and enhanced quality of life. Person-focused care demands collaboration between professions as a team approach to address multiple issues including sickness prevention and health promotion activities. The growing importance of the patient as expert and collaborator on the team clearly indicates the need for interprofessional approach for improving patient care, building on the strengths of each profession’s unique base of knowledge and skills, without intentionally duplicating services.

Approximately 100 students from multiple professions, including medical, pharmacy, occupational, physical therapy, and nursing students work in small interprofessional groups to formulate a comprehensive care plan for a patient who is portrayed by a standardized patient on DVD. Students are prepared for this exercise by completing three online mini-modules and problem solving objectives/goals, interventions, and issues of health care and prevention on a sample patient. The comprehensive care plan is presented at the third and final session to a panel of various professionals from the community who gives feedback and discusses the case.

Outcomes are measured using reflection papers by students on personal philosophy of interprofessional care and their experiences presenting to the clinical panel. A pre and post perception survey was administered. Medical students seem to have a larger degree of perceptual change than other students.

This program combines community health professionals with students and provides exchange with both parties. Students will integrate theory and apply concepts of interprofessional healthcare to the clinical setting, ultimately translating to more effective care for patients.