

People experiencing homelessness Interprofessional Virtual Outreach Training (PIVOT)

Student teams learn to better understand and meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness by enacting three virtual world cases in three different settings. During the cases, students play the roles of providers, persons experiencing homelessness, and observers.



Key Curricular Elements

- Virtual world interprofessional simulation
- Interprofessional collaboration and teamwork
- Principles of harm reduction and motivational interviewing
- Providing customized resources for people experiencing homelessness
- Mobile and fixed site outreach



Community Partnership

Pathways to Housing PA

IPEC Competencies

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9 LEARNERS

Professions

Counseling & Behavioral Health Specialist
Occupational Therapist
Pharmacist
Physician
Public Health Practitioner

5 FACILITATORS

Professions

Nurse, Advanced Practice
Occupational Therapist
Physician
JCIPE Staff



New This Year

Changed the name of the program from Enhancing Services for Homeless Populations (ESHPP) to People experiencing homelessness Interprofessional Virtual Outreach Training (PIVOT).



"It was a good exercise in practicing a respectful and open attitude toward homeless people, which has to be the starting point of being of service."

– Student Public Health Practitioner

Program Outcomes | Assessment & Evaluation

METRIC	N (PRE/POST)	PRE MEAN	PRE SD	POST MEAN	POST SD
Knowledge - outreach, motivational interviewing, harm reduction & provider self-care (Max. = 100%)	8/7	52.5%	16.7%	82.9%	17.0%
Self-efficacy - IPCP skills for care of persons experiencing homelessness (Max. = 5)	8/7	3.24	0.54	3.78	0.51
Program evaluation (Max. = 5)	3	NA	NA	3.80	0.70

Scholarship Highlight

Toth-Cohen, S., Brucato, M., & DiNardo, K. (2023, November). *Validation of the factor structure of the Health Professionals' Attitudes Toward the Homeless Inventory* [Poster]. Interprofessional Care for the 21st Century, Philadelphia, PA.

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