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More than 100 Students Participate in Spring Interprofessional Learning Events in Columbus and Madison



Promoting and supporting interprofessional education (IPE) opportunities for health professions students is a key focus of AHEC programs and centers not just in Indiana but across the country. East Indiana AHEC has been involved in these efforts for several years because we recognize that in our region, where health professions college programs are distributed in ones and twos across many different campuses and institutions, it is important to have a neutral organizer who can bring faculty and students together, identify shared learning goals, and coordinate logistics and scheduling questions that come up when multiple programs from different colleges collaborate.

This spring we hosted more than 100 health professions students for mornings of interprofessional learning at the IUPUC / Columbus Learning Center campus and at Madison Ivy Tech. This was Madison's first IPE event, and attendees included Madison Ivy Tech Registered Nursing and Medical Assisting students along with Rad Tech students from King's Daughters Health. In Columbus, our 7th annual IPE day included BSN and MA Mental Health Counseling students from IUPUC, Physician Assistant and Athletic Training students from Franklin College, Pharmacy and Physician Assistant students from Butler University, and Human Services students from Ivy Tech. At both events, small interprofessional teams of students worked together on icebreaker and case studies and took part in a variety of IPE simulations and role-plays.

East Indiana AHEC Educator Spotlight - Jennifer Steinwedel, RN, MEd

At the 2019 HOSA (Future Health Professionals of America) Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, Jennifer Steinwedel was recognized as the Outstanding HOSA Advisor for the year. HOSA is a national career and technical student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE. Jennifer will be recognized at the International Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida this June.

Jennifer is the Health Sciences - Nursing instructor at C4 and a longtime collaborator with East Indiana AHEC on pipeline health careers awareness class visits. Congratulations to Jennifer on this well deserved award!



High School Summer Programs Planned for June and July 2019

Behavioral Health Careers Day - June 7, Community Mental Health Center, Lawrenceburg. Participants will explore various mental health careers as well as participate in activities with current mental health professionals. Students can sign up online at <https://forms.gle/1AoXiRbjJErY7T7D8>

Hanover Health Science Summer Academy - A week long residential experience at Hanover College where students explore various health care professions and activities with local health care professionals. Attendees from around the EI-AHEC region and the greater midwest are already selected; we look forward to working with this group in June!

Margaret Mary Health Careers Exploration Days - July 2019. A chance for students to take part in profession-specific career exploration days (nursing careers, rehab and therapy careers, etc.) with opportunities to interact and talk with local professionals in the field. Dates are still being finalized; check <https://eiahec.org/health-careers-pipeline-programs/summer-programs/> for details in the coming weeks.

Professional Conferences and Meetings of Note - Summer 2019

Bowen Health Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy - Indiana Health Workforce Summit
May 21 - Indianapolis - Details and Registration at <https://bowenportal.org/index.php/about-us/>

Indiana Rural Health Association Annual Conference - June 18-19 - French Lick Resort
Details and Registration at <https://www.indianaruralhealth.org/annual-conference>

Indiana School Health Network Annual School Health Conference - June 25-26 - Indianapolis
Details and Registration at <https://www.ckfindiana.org/about/ishn/annual-conference>

East Indiana AHEC Brings IU Medical Students to Local Communities



Indiana AHEC centers work with the IU School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine to place approximately one third of each class of 3rd year medical students in community-based outpatient settings for their family medicine rotation. For 2019-2020, East Indiana AHEC is slated to host 14 of these community family medicine rotations. We work with local physicians who serve as preceptors, coordinate student housing, and help orient students to their communities and the academic requirements of the family medicine rotation. Currently, nine board-certified family medicine physicians serve in our regular group of IU preceptors, allowing us to place

students in Batesville, Brookville, Cambridge City, Greensburg, New Castle, and Sunman. These community learning experiences are an invaluable part of medical student education - often they are a student's first exposure to a primary care outpatient practice setting, and students enjoy lots of 1-on-1 interaction with preceptors, opportunities to participate in a hands-on way in many exams and procedures, and a learning environment that asks them to handle challenging and complex patient cases and be thoughtful about referrals and community resources in a small town environment.

AHEC Scholars Community Healthcare Fellowship Applications Open

Do you know a student entering the final two years of an accredited health professions program? We are currently accepting applications for the 2nd cohort of EI-AHEC Scholars. The AHEC Scholars fellowship prepares students to more effectively enter Indiana's health professions workforce and become early career leaders. Participants will come away with a deeper understanding of providing healthcare to underserved populations, working in interprofessional teams, and caring for patients in the context of rural communities. East Indiana AHEC's cohort of Indiana AHEC Scholars is open to students who are residents of or who attend college in the East Indiana AHEC service region. AHEC Scholars will receive a \$1500 stipend over the two years of participation.

Fellowship Dates: September 2019 - May 2021

To learn more and apply online - <http://eiahec.org/health-professions-students/ahec-scholars/>

Application Deadline: July 31, 2019

Questions? Contact Becky Niese - becky.niese@eiahec.org

Do you have a student learning opportunity or staff development project in collaboration with East Indiana AHEC that you'd like us to highlight in a future newsletter? We'd love to hear from you! Send article ideas or photos to info@eiahec.org!