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**Thanks to a fantastic start with IPE this fall across our colleges, we have plenty to share in this packed IPE Update! Be sure to take a moment this month to explore the updates and resources linked below.**

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## Highlights

### IPE Activities & Programming

- Occupational Therapy and Nursing faculty on the Denton campus organized a brand-new *Safe Patient Handling IPE event*. This IPE activity engaged second-year OT students in teaching body mechanics, safe patient handling, mobility, and transfers to junior nursing and first-year OT students, promoting communication and collaboration in shared areas of clinical care. See a photo of the event above!
- 434 student participants and 56 faculty facilitators from TWU Nursing, Social Work, SLP, OT, and PT programs participated in *Convergence*, an IPE initiative organized by UT Southwestern which provides students the chance to learn about, from, and

with one another in small interdisciplinary groups. Other participating universities include the UT Southwestern Medical School, UT Southwestern School of Health Professions, UT Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation, and Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy.

- UNT Health invited TWU and UT Arlington students to join *the first of four virtual IPE workshops* introducing the IPEC Competencies to small, mixed groups of SLP, PT, Social Work, and Dietetics. Facilitators will reconnect with their students this fall and twice in the spring to address all four IPEC competencies.

## Interprofessional Presentations

- This past month, Texas Society for Advancement of Health Professions (TSAHP) held their 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference this past month, and TWU's dedication to IPE was well-represented:
  - **Interprofessional Acute Care Simulation: Enhancing Professionalism and Collaborative Practice Among Nursing, Dietetic, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Health Sciences Students**, presenters K. McDaniel (OT), A. Rice (OT), A. Ramirez (Nursing), B. Baudler (Nursing), L. Garcia (PT), R. Poland (Dietetics), V. Lavacca (Nursing) & Z. Palumbos (PT); Texas Woman's University - Houston
  - **Interprofessional Collaboration and Artificial Intelligence: A New Approach for the Next Generation of Health Professions**, presenters L. Barnett (OT), G. Johnson (OT), E. Berkowitz (Nursing) & L. Aaron-Brija (Nursing); Texas Woman's University – Dallas
- The Bootcamp Team's hard work was presented as a NEXUS Summit Lightning Talk this month. Hear all about Bootcamp and their Lightning Talk at their Activity Exemplar next Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at noon – see details in the [Updates from your IPE Office](#) below!
  - **Enhancing Community Fall Prevention Through Interprofessional Student Collaboration**, presenters Mary Grace Yousef (Nursing), Jennie Martin (OT), Alisa Woods (SLP), Merri Leigh Johnson (PT), Noralyn Pickens (OT), Trena Hart (OT student)

## IPE Training & Presenting Opportunities

- **IPEC Symposium:** [Laying the Foundation: Interprofessional Education in a Time of Change](#) (Virtual – November 13, 2025) Participants will explore actionable strategies for advancing IPECP, including sustainable funding, digital integration, partnerships with patients and communities, advocacy, and health communication. The program will explore how IPE can evolve to address emerging needs while fostering team-based, collaborative care that improves outcomes.
  - **Early registration deadline: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**
- **IPEC Poster Fair:** [From Ideas to Impact: Innovation in Interprofessional Education & Practice](#) (Virtual – November 20, 2025) IPEC's fifth Virtual Poster Fair invites you to explore and discuss real-world experiences in designing, testing, and implementing interprofessional education for collaborative practice (IPECP). Come connect with

colleagues across health professions to exchange promising practices, lessons learned, and new ideas in IPE!

- **NAP 2026 Annual Meeting & Forum:** [Crossroads of Innovation: Shaping the Future of Practice and Education](#) (Indianapolis, IN – March 12-14, 2026) Connect with healthcare professionals across disciplines, gain practical collaboration skills, and expand your professional network at this year's National Academies of Practice Forum. Explore innovative strategies tied to this year's themes and gain tools to advance interprofessional education, research, practice, and policy.
- **The Texas IPE Consortium:** Next spring's IPE Consortium is April 8-9, 2026 in Tyler, TX! We hope to see as much representation from Texas Woman's University as possible. We'll be helping organize carpools and holding open hours for presentation development. It may be next year, but let's start planning now for excellent turnout!

### updates from Your IPE Office

Join us **next Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** for an IPE Activity Exemplar: Bootcamp presented by our Dallas Campus IPE Committee Co-Chairs Jennie Martin (OT) and Grace Yousef (Nursing) on behalf of the Bootcamp Team.

They'll be walking us through each step of the process, from the inception of the idea to the evolution over years of implementation, followed by a Q&A. They'll present important information that will be helpful to you in developing and implementing your own IPE Activities, such as:

- Facilitation Guide
- Lessons learned
- Evaluation & measurement
- [Presentation at NEXUS](#)

### Campus and Committee Meetings

Free for lunch on Tuesdays? Get involved in IPE this Fall!

First Tuesdays	Teaching Excellence Training Offers professional development in the realm of interprofessional education. Virtual training (Rm 3115 available in Houston if you'd like to join "in person")
Second Tuesdays	Houston Campus IPE Committee Meetings – Rm 3115

Third Tuesdays	Denton Campus IPE Committee Meetings – HSC Forum, Rm 1088
Fourth Tuesdays	Dallas Campus IPE Committee Meetings – Rm 8720

## **IPE Links**

[TWU IPE Website](#)

[TWU IPE Library Subject Guide](#)

Check out the [IPE Collaboration Board](#) if you're looking for research or activity collaborators in other disciplines!

[Request for IPE Training Support Funds](#) (Conferences, Workshops & Trainings, etc.)

Request IPE Support Funding by Campus:

[Dallas form](#)

[Denton form](#)

[Houston form](#)

## **IPE Leadership**

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***“I am because we are.” – Southern African philosophical concept of Ubuntu (A Nguni Bantu)***

Please reach out at any time with questions and ideas. –*Noralyn and Ella*

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