



☆ Welcome back! ☆

We can't wait to spend the 2025-26 Academic Year learning about, from and with each other.

If you've spent the summer thinking IPE (you know we have!) reach out to us at IPE@twu.edu to get your interprofessional project going.



Highlights

- Collaboration was on the move from Houston to Denton last week! This TWU bus was filled with our interprofessional bussers on their way back from the Fall Faculty Meeting in Denton – see photo above 😊

- We are so proud of the College of Health Sciences IPE Fall Faculty Award Winners! The Dallas Bootcamp Team Leadership, consisting of Jennie Martin (OT), Grace Yousef (Nursing), Merri Leigh Johnson (PT), and Alisa Woods (SLP) won the IPE award for their recurring IPE event, which provided students the chance to develop interprofessional healthcare plans for folks in the Dallas community. Great work!
 - Hear more about their process, from planning to facilitating, at our Teaching Excellence training on October 7th!
- Dr. Will Benner's interprofessional article, *Listening or Advocacy: Preparing Undergraduate Medical Interpreting Spanish Students for Bilingual Nursing Simulations*, was published in Sociological Imagination Journal, demonstrating "the importance of preparing undergraduate medical interpreting students to utilize the national standards of practice for medical interpreting within bilingual nursing simulations." Huge congratulations to Dr. Benner!!
- *Have you been accepted for publication, given a conference presentation, awarded a grant, contributed to a poster session, or engaged in collaborative project work? Received an interprofessional award or recognition? We're looking to feature your work!* On our website, our LibGuide, and anywhere else – help us proudly share the hard work you've all been up to. [Email us](#) a brief description and any relevant links (publications, abstracts, programs, etc.).
- ...And if you're looking for opportunities to present, see several upcoming dates below!

IPE Training & Presenting Opportunities

- **TSAHP 47th Annual Conference:** [Higher Education for Health Professions for the New Generation](#) (Brownsville, TX – September 18-19, 2025) The Texas Society for Advancement of Health Professions is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing and promoting education, research, and clinical practice of allied health professionals in Texas. [See registration website for pricing, schedule, and other details.](#)
 - **Early registration deadline: September 1st, 2025**
- **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.
 - **Abstract submission deadline: September 2nd, 2025**
 - **Award nomination deadline: September 12th, 2025**
- **Nexus Summit 2025:** [Staying True to our North Star: Advancing Health in the Nexus](#) (Virtual – September 16-17, 25-26, 2025) This year's Summit is designed as a welcoming community of learners focusing on strategies to navigate new realities

while staying constant in our commitment to the North Star, advancing the health of the individuals, families and communities served. To deliver on this commitment within an environment of uncertainty requires forward-thinking approaches and leadership practices that adapt to meet the demands of an ever-changing world.

- **Registration deadline: September 10th, 2025**
- **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 3rd, 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!
 - **Abstract submission deadline: September 12th, 2025**
 - **Poster submission deadline: November 3rd, 2025 (after acceptance)**
- **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

IPE A to Z

Last year, several faculty members were trained in TeamSTEPPS, a healthcare framework for improving teamwork and communication in healthcare to enhance patient safety and outcomes. Our presentation on implementing and teaching TeamSTEPPS in a classroom setting, along with a brief video, [are now available in our Google Classroom!](#)

[Click here](#) to join the Google Classroom. Our class code is **44mu3uo**.

Campus and Committee Meetings

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

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| First Tuesdays | Teaching Excellence Training Offers professional development in the realm of interprofessional education. Virtual training. |
| Second Tuesdays | Houston Campus IPE Committee Meetings |
| Third Tuesdays | Denton Campus IPE Committee Meetings |
| Fourth Tuesdays | Dallas Campus IPE Committee Meetings |

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 IPE Support Funding by Campus:

[Denton form](#) [Dallas form](#) [Houston form](#)

IPE Leadership

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“We are all here because we need each other.” – Iyanla Vanzant

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

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