The College of Health Disciplines

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Introduction

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The College is an affiliation of seven faculties that fosters, enhances, and sustains a culture of interprofessional education and interdisciplinary education research for future health and human service practitioners through innovative student learning, collaborative research, and best practices. The affiliated faculties are Applied Science, Arts, Dentistry, Education, Land and Food Systems, Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Each of these faculties either represents a health discipline, or is academic home to one (or more) of the health service school(s) or department(s). The term "health" in the title for the College is situated in a broad definition of health that is inclusive of all health and human service programs.

1 World Health Organization's Thirteenth World Health Assembly in 1977.

The College recognizes the importance of:

- a common set of pedagogic approaches to interprofessional health education;
- the need to examine collaborative approaches to practice (clinical) education;
- the goal of integrated policy approaches in UBC’s relations with government;
- the contribution of the College's divisions to UBC's health and human service programs, and to Place and Promise: The UBC Plan (http://www.strategicplan.ubc.ca/).

The College provides an academic home for a range of interprofessional activities both within and outside the University, activities that are enhanced through collaboration among faculties and programs. Through the programs of the affiliated faculties, the College addresses the need to prepare students who are graduating from health and human service programs, with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes central to interprofessional collaborative practice. These include, for example, an understanding of the role of interprofessional education in educating collaborative practitioners; the role of professional groups in supporting interprofessional practice through competencies, accreditation, and (where appropriate) licensure; using interprofessional curricula to guide health human resource planning and, conversely, using health care trends and strategic directions to inform interprofessional education; working in partnership with the interests of the health and human service system to facilitate interprofessional practice (clinical) education of students; and conducting research into tools for developing and evaluating interprofessional education, health policy, quality of care, and integrated health human resource planning.

The Council of the College is chaired by the Principal and consists of the directors and heads of faculties, schools, and programs that offer health and human service degrees. Council members are responsible for providing policy direction to the College on issues relating to interprofessional education and related research.
The operational components of the College focus on curriculum, practice education, professional development, research, health care communication (Division), and interprofessional activities/communication. In addition, it sponsors the Health Sciences Student's Association, the Community Health Initiative by University Students, and the Interprofessional Student Advisory Group. The College is administratively responsible for all shared facilities in the Instructional Resources Centre.

The **Curriculum Committee** provides leadership for issues and initiatives related to theory-based interprofessional education. Specifically, this division:

- Oversees the evaluation of interprofessional courses and other learning activities supported by the College
- Assists all the health and human services programs to define educational objectives related to the core competencies for collaborative practice
- Assists all the health and human service programs to identify educational opportunities to learn about collaborative practice
- Conducts research to advance knowledge in the area of entry level and graduate interprofessional education
- Collaborates with the Professional Development Division to ensure that classroom based learning is facilitated by "teachers" knowledgeable and skilled in the area of IPE
- Collaborates with other post-secondary institutions in the development, implementation, and evaluation of interprofessional learning experiences
- Participates in research relevant to IP curriculum

The **Practice Education Committee** provides leadership for issues and initiatives related to practice education in the health and human service programs and practice education that are common across programs. Specifically, this division:

- Oversees the development, implementation, and evaluation of collaborative practice education experiences
- Assists the health and human service programs to identify collaborative practice educational opportunities
- Promotes and facilitates collaborative practice education projects
- Engages in problem-solving regarding practice education placements
- Supports and/or provides education for preceptors (e.g., workshops)
- Participates in research relevant to interprofessional practice education

**Division of Health Care Communication**

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The aim of the Division is to improve patient/client involvement in health care decision-making through collaborative research, program development and patient/client participation in health professions education. Research is conducted with both patients/clients and health professionals. We work in the community and within academe. Our work is to understand the drivers and barriers that influence client-professional communications and consequent health outcomes. The objective is to effect change in professional practice, curriculum of health and human service programs, and patient/client communication.

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Health Sciences Student's Association

The Health Sciences Student's Association (HSSA) is an organization that promotes the interaction of health science students on an academic and social basis. The aim of the HSSA is to promote interprofessional teamwork amongst health sciences students and to increase awareness about the role of each health care provider on a health care team. This is accomplished through a variety of activities such as the elementary and high school outreach programs, community service, conferences and social activities. The HSSA also creates opportunities for health sciences students to develop trusting relationships with each other and to learn the value of interdisciplinary teamwork and collaborative practice. The executive body of the HSSA is comprised of dedicated and enthusiastic students who share the same goal as the HSSA.

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Under the auspices of the Council, the College is responsible for the administration of Interprofessional courses (IHHS) which are recommended as electives to students in Audiology and Speech Sciences; Counseling Psychology; Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; Food, Nutrition and Health; Kinesiology; Medicine; Nursing; Occupational Therapy; Pharmaceutical Sciences; Physical Therapy; and Social Work.

IHHS 200  Understanding the Social Determinants of the Health of Populations
IHHS 300  Working in International Health
IHHS 400  Health Care Team Development
IHHS 402  HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care
IHHS 403  Interdisciplinary Practice with Children and Families
IHHS 404  First Nations Health: Historical and Contemporary Issues
IHHS 405  Palliative Care
IHHS 406  Aging from an Interdisciplinary Perspective
IHHS 407  Disability and Justice
IHHS 408  Aboriginal Health: Community-based Learning Experience
IHHS 409  International Indigenous Experiences of Colonization
IHHS 410  Improving Public Health: an Interprofessional Approach to Designing and Implementing Effective Interventions
IHHS 411  Violence Across the Life Span
IHHS 480  Special Topics in Collaborative Healthcare

Affiliated Faculties

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Allied Health Programs

Applied Science: School of Nursing
S. Campbell, Director

Arts: School of Social Work
T. Stainton, Director

Audiology and Speech Sciences (Medicine)
V. Ciocca

Clinical Psychology
B. McGee

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Dentistry: Dental Hygiene
K. Mathu-Muju

Education: School of Kinesiology
B. Sparks, Director

Education & Counselling Psychology & Special Education
M. Buchanan

Health Care Communication
A. Towle, W. Godolphin

Land and Food Systems: Food, Nutrition and Health
K. Traviss

Medicine
D. Snadden

Midwifery Program (Medicine)
M. Butler, Head

Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy (Medicine)
C. Backman

Pharmaceutical Sciences
W. Riggs

Physical Therapy (Medicine)
J. Garland, Director

UBC Library
A. Greenwood

Affiliated Faculties > Committees: Interprofessional Curriculum, Practice Education, Health Care Team Challenge, and Awards

L. Avery, Audiology and Speech Sciences
L. Bainbridge, Health Disciplines
L. Best, Dentistry
S. Bryson, Social Work
N. Clark, Social Work
P. Colozzo, Audiology and Speech Sciences
V. Da Costa, College of Health Disciplines
C. DePalma, Health Disciplines
D. DeWitt, Faculty of Medicine
S. Dharamsi, Dentistry
D. Drynan, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy (Chair, Practice Education)
C. Dyck, Rehabilitation Sciences
L. Eccott, Pharmaceutical Sciences (Chair, Interprofessional Curriculum)
C. Ellis, Midwifery
S. Foster, School of Health Sciences
A. Greig, Rehabilitation Sciences
M. Groening, Nursing
L. Harvey, Social Work
L. Jones, Social Work
P. Kennedy, Kinesiology
A. Kim-Sing, Pharmaceutical Sciences
M. Lee, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
D. Lin, Dentistry
P. Miller, Medicine / Pharmaceutical Sciences
S. Murphy, Physical Therapy
C. Newton, Medicine
C. Nguyen, Dentistry
G. Noel, Faculty of Medicine
T. Oh, Children's & Women's Health Centre of B.C.
M. Pearson, Pharmaceutical Sciences
A. Rankin, Rehabilitation Sciences
J. Scott, B.C.C.A. Hereditary Cancer Program
S. Small, Audiology and Speech Sciences
L. Soon, Health Disciplines
E. Tan, Nursing
K. Traviss, Land and Food Systems
K. Vogt, Food, Nutrition and Health