Mind Mapping: A Strategy to Promote Interprofessional Collaboration among Health Science Students

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INTRODUCTION

Developing an evidenced based patient center plan of care (PCPOC) requires health care practitioners to critically think, collaborate and integrate patient data. Learning how to effectively engage with other professionals for the development of a PCPOC must be introduced and reinforced during student’s didactic and clinical education experiences.

Seton Hall University, Center for Interprofessional Education in the Health Sciences has designed a Core Signature IPE Experience for all its health science students as a means to support the development of evidenced based interprofessional practice and PCPOC. A key feature of the Core Experiences is the use of diverse transformative learning experiences that support critical thinking. Mind mapping is one such transformative learning experience employed.

MIND MAPPING

• innovative instructional strategy which focuses on integrating information using a 360 non-linear approach
• requires learners to think not only in a curvilinear manner but, also to use visuospatial relationships which flow from a central concept
• supports the exploration of and connection of concepts and themes
• promotes a rich environment for content integration to emerge
• limited evidence supporting its efficacy in IPE

MIND MAPPING INFUSION

Core Signature IPE Experience

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APPLICATIONS

• Project presentation
• Clinical internships
• Interprofessional Collaborations
• IPE SYMPOSIUM

CONCEPT EXPLORATION

• Video/audio lectures
• Website/online experts
• Assigned readings
• IPE ORIENTATION

EXPERIMENTAL ENGAGEMENT

• Experiential learning
• Community interactions
• Classroom to Clinic
• Team based learning
• IPE TOWN HALL

MEANING MAKING

• Reflective practice in audio, video or written format
• Examinations
• Discussion Groups
• Blogs
• IPE PERSPECTIVES SPEAKER

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STUDENT PERCEPTIONS

Qualitative survey data of students’ perceptions of the infusion of mind mapping as a strategy for enhancing interprofessional collaboration among peers identified 3 key themes; Preplared students, Engaged students, Empowered students.

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