

JCIPE Updates

Health Mentors Program (HMP): The fall semester saw the return of in-person sessions for the Health Mentors Program. Cohort 14 (second-year) student teams were introduced to the foundations of advocacy in the context of the Social-Ecological Model (SEM). 137 student teams collaborated with their Health Mentor to identify an area of advocacy, then designed and presented their Advocacy Projects at their final IPE Small Group Session.

We welcomed two new professions (speech-language pathology and nutrition and dietetic practice) to cohort 15; in this cohort, first-year students were introduced to person-centered care and the foundations of effective interprofessional teamwork. The Module 1 semester concluded with 140 teams sharing and discussing teamwork skills at the IPE Small Group Session. More than 40 facilitators volunteered to lead sessions and over 250 Health Mentors (community member volunteers) met with their student teams, making HMP possible this past fall!

Student Hotspotting: Student Hotspotting successfully kicked off in September with a total of 150+ students and advisors hailing from Jefferson, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University and Sienna College. We offered three new Essentials Workshops during the fall: Social Determinants of Health, Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction. We are looking to include patient boundaries and limitations in the second half of our Harm Reduction workshop this spring, as well as offer our teamwork and graduating patients sessions.

TeamSAFE: 728 students from 6 professional programs (athletic training, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, public health, and speech-language pathology) participated in virtual TeamSAFE this past fall, with athletic training and speech-language pathology students joining for the first time. Advanced TeamSAFE will be held in March 2022. Nursing will be required to participate in this virtual simulation experience for the first time and join students from medicine, pediatric nursing practice, and pharmacy.

Team Care Planning: We look forward to piloting our new Black Maternal Health Case this spring on the East Falls Campus – our first programming to be offered in this location. Our Clinical Discharge Case will also run this spring with students from couple & family therapy, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, and physician assistant studies.

Alzheimer's Virtual Interprofessional Training (AVIT): Since our last edition of the newsletter, we piloted AVIT for workforce development at The Hill at Whitemarsh, a partnering continuing care retirement community. Employees reported enjoyment in utilizing a virtual environment to practice communication skills to assist patients with dementia. Additional employee trainings will be scheduled in the spring to expand access for employees at The Hill at Whitemarsh to participate in AVIT. This spring we will also pilot a new half-day simulation format during student AVIT simulations.

Read more about AVIT in an article by faculty co-leads Jeannette Kates, PhD, CRNP, AGPCNP-BC, GNP-BC, and Susan Toth-Cohen, PhD, OTR/L along with JCIPE Director of Assessment, Evaluation & Research Richard Hass, PhD in this issue!

Enhancing Services for Homeless Populations (ESHP): We spent the fall incorporating more harm reduction content into our virtual simulation program ESHP. We look forward to piloting these changes with students during the spring 2022 semester.

Palliative Care: This winter, JCIPE will be facilitating an interprofessional palliative care program for Jefferson students. A faculty team piloted the program in fall 2020; that successful pilot and our receipt of 80 applications for 36 spots highlights the interest in this important topic and team-based delivery of care. Our final cohort includes 10 healthcare disciplines and 7 faculty facilitators, who serve as palliative care experts. Over the course of the next three months, students will complete a series of modules as a team, shadow palliative care rounds, and present a final research poster.

Wyss Center: JCIPE is now coordinating IP services at the Hansjörg Wyss Wellness Center, which serves as a hub for clinical and educational outreach activities; the hub focuses on immigrant and refugee populations, in addition to the surrounding South Philadelphia community. The center provides a platform to deliver full-spectrum primary care, social services, wellness activities, and other community-focused programming. JCIPE is creating orientation modules for students who rotate at Wyss and hoping to pilot a falls prevention program and offer an IP community health course in connection with the Center in the future.

Racial and Social Justice Taskforce: This past semester, we published our Diversity Statement and set to work making diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) explicit in all our endeavors. The team finalized a draft self-study template for use across all JCIPE programs and will pilot its implementation this year. We also look forward to reflecting on the development and implementation of new DEI content such as a comparative zip code advocacy project in the Health Mentors Program, in our curricula this past fall, as well as to launching a new Black Maternal Health Case in Team Care Planning and enhanced content centering on harm reduction in Enhancing Services for Homeless Populations this spring. Some of this work was presented at Jefferson Faculty Days and the Drexel University Assessment Conference last summer and fall.

Jefferson Teamwork Observation Guide (JTOG): In the past 6 months, the JTOG app has been used over 7,000 times by students as well as faculty and staff program advisors and facilitators. This newsletter features an important piece about efforts to allay a ceiling effect in IPE assessment tools with JTOG as an example. JCIPE is very excited to receive the first JTOG dataset from an external partner institution, and we continue to work toward updating the app and the administrator dashboard based on great feedback from current users. Stay tuned for a potential Spanish translation of our Team JTOG and external app release in the coming months!