

# Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Education Collaborative (PV-IPEC)

Advancing Teamwork in Healthcare Education and Practice

Dear Colleague,

We are happy to invite you to join the Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Education Collaborative (PV-IPEC) whose vision is to assist the region in achieving the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim; improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction), improving population health, and reducing the cost of healthcare. It has been suggested that the Triple Aim should become a Quadruple Aim to include improving provider work life.

PV-IPEC is comprised of professionals from higher education institutions and healthcare facilities who are focused on increasing interprofessional collaboration in practice settings and preparing future professionals to deliver team-based care to improve care and health, reduce cost, and improve job satisfaction. Together we are dedicated to transforming the delivery of healthcare in existing and emerging practice settings in the Pioneer Valley to an interprofessional collaborative approach and preparing new healthcare professionals to practice as a team.

Our former association was comprised of academic institutions and we are excited to broaden our approach to include healthcare facilities to allow our initiatives to reach those in current practice. Some of our accomplishments and projects include:

- Two faculty development programs with participation of 100 health professionals from nine colleges/schools representing 8 healthcare professions.
- Regional seminar for academic leaders hosting three nationally known speakers from the Interprofessional Education Collaborative, AACN, AACP, and AACOM.
- Several interprofessional education simulations, class sessions, and events across institutions.
- Revisions to health professions curriculum to include interprofessional education and collaborative practice competencies.

Our current members include:

**Education:** American International College, Bay Path University, Elms College, Springfield College, Springfield Technical Community College, Western New England University, Westfield State University, University of Massachusetts Amherst

**Employers:** Baystate Noble Hospital, Holyoke Medical Center, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Springfield, Trinity Health Of New England

The PV-IPEC invites you to join the team and attend a future meeting; our meetings are held six times each year.

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