

The Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Education Collaborative (PV-IPEC)

Advancing Teamwork in Healthcare Education and Practice

Members:

- American International College
- Bay Path University
- Baystate Medical Center
- Baystate Noble Hospital
- Behavioral Health Network
- Elms College
- Greenfield Community College
- Holyoke Community College
- Holyoke Medical Center
- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Springfield
- Springfield College
- Springfield Technical Community College
- Trinity Health Of New England
- Western New England University
- Westfield State University
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst

About PV-IPEC

The Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield established the Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Education Collaborative (PV-IPEC) in 2013 to lead, develop and facilitate interprofessional healthcare education amongst academic institutions and service providers across the Pioneer Valley. The 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.

Healthcare professionals from higher educational institutions and healthcare facilities are working together to increase interprofessional collaboration in education and practice settings. PV-IPEC is dedicated to transforming the delivery of healthcare in the Pioneer Valley to an interprofessional collaborative approach and creating a supply of new professionals prepared to practice together as one team.

Projects and Accomplishments

- 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.



The Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Education Collaborative is a division of the Healthcare Workforce Partnership of Western Massachusetts an initiative of the MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board

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