

PIONEER VALLEY INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE (PV IPEC)

2021 Report

About PV-IPEC

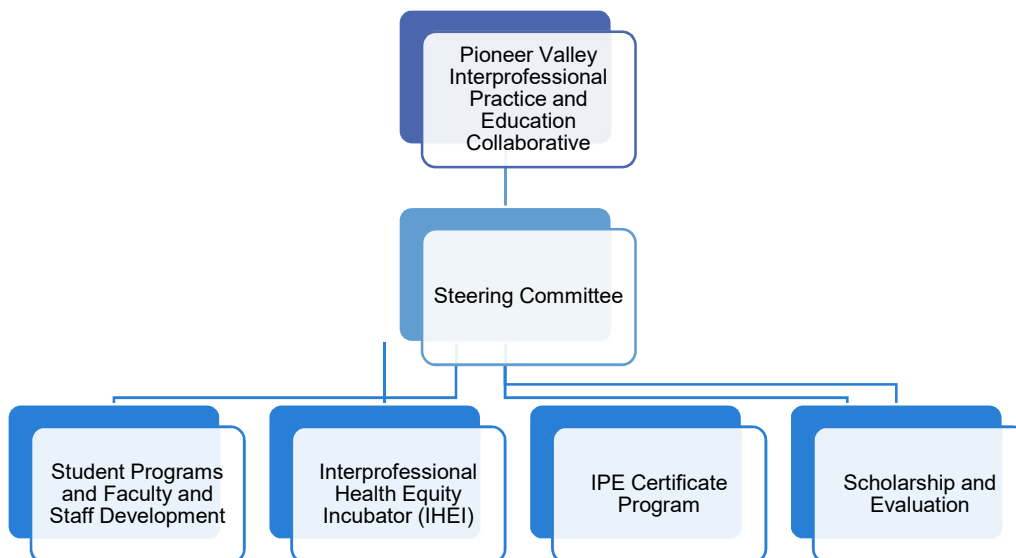
The establishment of Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Practice and Education Collaborative (PV-IPEC) by the Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield, in 2013, is influenced by the Growing need for interprofessional practice amongst all healthcare professionals. PV-IPEC embodies the principles of The Joint Commission Standards and Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC). In recognition of the strength of collaboration amongst health programs and across institutions, PV-IPEC utilizes a centralized and impartial organization, focused on workforce development, to coordinate and manage financial investments and the collective efforts of faculty, deans, simulation specialists, and other healthcare professionals from numerous academic and health systems.

The mission of PV-IPEC is to lead, develop and facilitate interprofessional healthcare education and practice amongst members of all health professions. We undertake this mission through the diversity of programs and disciplines that constitutes the healthcare institutions in the Pioneer Valley. Together, the collaborative works to improve the quality of the services provided and the overall health of the community through purposeful communication amongst current and future health care disciplines.

Expansion and Restructure

In December 2020, a core group of PV-IPEC members participated in the [IPEC Virtual Institute](#). Following the conference, a proposal was made and accepted by the PV-IPEC members to reorganize and expand the collaborative as a method to target specific goals and outcomes. The revised structure of the collaborative is reflected in the diagram below, which included a crucial partnership with Baystate Medical School.

In February 2021, PV-IPEC joined forces with Baystate Medical School to reinforce and strengthen complimentary IPE activities led by the two organizations. The Interprofessional Health Equity, IPE certificate program, student programs and faculty and staff development and scholarship and evaluation committee are all subsets of PV-IPEC. Three of the four committees were active in 2021. The implementation of the certificate program will begin in 2022.



Members

1. American International College
2. Baystate Medical School
3. Bay Path University
4. Cooley Dickinson Hospital
5. Elms College
6. Fairfield University
7. Greenfield Community College
8. Holyoke Community College
9. Holyoke Medical Center
10. Martin Luther King Jr Family Services
11. MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board
12. Quaboag Valley CDC
13. Springfield College
14. Springfield Technical Community College
15. Square One
16. Tapestry Health
17. THONE-Mercy Medical Center
18. Western New England University
19. Westfield State University
20. Women of Color Health Equity Collective
21. University of Massachusetts Amherst

Projects and Activities

Interprofessional Elective Course Spring Semester 2021

The IPE elective uses a blended learning approach to overcome common barriers to interprofessional education (IPE). It is designed for healthcare professions students from the Collaborating Colleges of Greater Springfield (CCGS). Learners are introduced to the importance of best practices for professionalism, roles and responsibilities, teamwork and collaboration, communication, ethics and interprofessional practice as a means to improve the quality and safety of patient care.

PV IPEC Spring Interprofessional Day April 2021

Students from multiple disciplines, such as: medicine, physician assistant studies, nursing, pharmacy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work and others under the leadership of PV-IPEC work together in activities designed to target the IPEC Core Competencies (Teamwork, Roles and Responsibilities, Values/Ethics, and Interprofessional Communication).

PV-IPEC Scholarship and Evaluation June 2021

The PV-IPEC scholarship and evaluation committee launched a monthly blog post in June 2021. The monthly blog post is one of the key ways that PV-IPEC is “telling the story” of collaborative accomplishments, topics include: interprofessional practice, education and health equity.

Interprofessional Health Equity Incubator September 2021

The development of the Interprofessional Health Equity Incubator began in 2019 and concluded in summer 2021. The components of Interprofessional Health Equity Incubator (IHEI) include a skill-building curriculum, a service learning project that creates collaborative partnerships with community organizations to work on health equity themes and a community of practice to allow groups of students, community partners and faculty to explore, learn and reflect on innovations in health equity solutions.

Interprofessional Viewing of the “To Err is Human” Documentary October 2021

The Interprofessional Viewing of the “To Err is Human” Documentary is a virtual event for healthcare learners. The program is aimed at increasing the awareness of medical errors, considering solutions, improving communication amongst practitioners, promoting the value of teamwork and to improve the quality of patient care and reduce medical errors.



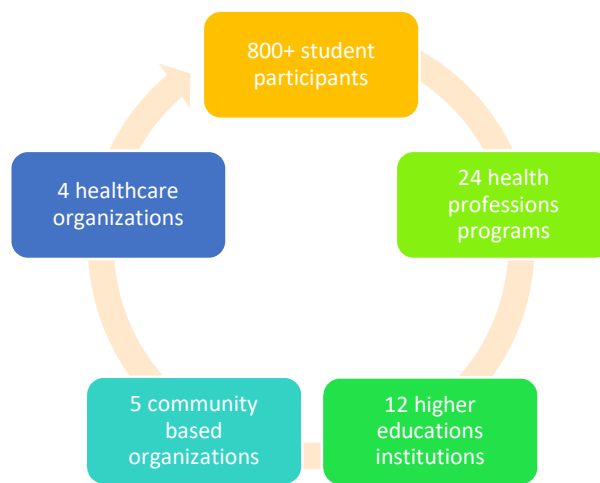
Aphasia Virtual IPE Program

November 2021

The program was inspired by Dr. Meyerson's powerful book, *Identity Theft*, co-authored with her son, Danny Zuckerman, which addresses the understudied emotional and identity aspects of recovery and rebuilding a life post-stroke. Students from a variety of disciplines participated in a large group lecture and small group discussions on stroke/aphasia, led by speech language pathology students. The program culminated with a presentation from Dr. Meyerson and her husband, Steve Zuckerman.

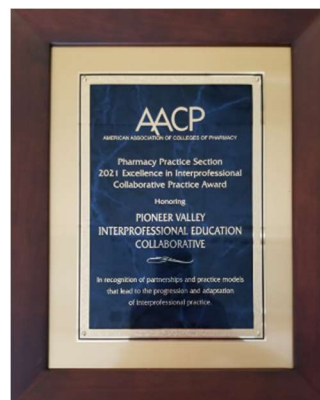
A full listing of PV-IPEC meetings dates, events and activities in 2022 can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://westernmasshealthcareers.org/wp-content/uploads/PV-IPEC-Meetings-Calendar-2022-12.4.21.pdf>.

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Awards

PV-IPEC was a recipient of the 2021 Excellence in Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, in recognition of partnerships and practice models that lead to the progression and adaptation of interprofessional practice.



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More information about the Pioneer Valley Interprofessional Practice and Education Collaborative (PV-IPEC) is available at <https://westernmasshealthcareers.org/about-the-partnership/the-pioneer-valley-interprofessional-practice-and-education-collaborative/>.