Historically, Interprofessional Education (IPE) efforts have focused on bringing together students in various healthcare professions. Through engagement in shared learning activities and simulations, the goal was to produce graduates who entered the healthcare workforce as “collaboration-ready” practitioners. Nationally, interprofessional efforts are expanding the focus to also address the training needs of current professionals interested in enhancing collaborative practice. By aligning education and practice, and incorporating disciplines beyond those traditionally involved in healthcare, we strive to think more broadly and create new models of team-based healthcare. Our new name, the Center for Interprofessional Collaborations, reflects this more expansive view of what and who can be involved in IPE.

The CIPC Team

Drs. Julie Haizlip, Beth Quatrana, John Owen and Courtney McCluney continue their work with a variety of colleagues within UVA Health, across grounds, regionally and nationally. We have been working to enhance IP educational initiatives, create new partnerships and advance the scholarship of IPE. So far this year, the CIPC faculty and their collaborators have given invited talks, produced 5 publications and 11 academic presentations, and have secured new grant funding to work with the department of surgery to advance interprofessional quality projects.

Check out what’s new on our website https://ipe.virginia.edu/innovations

New Faculty & Staff

Kathryn Mutter, MD MPH
Clinical Director

Dr. Mutter is Course Director for the Transition Course and the Internship Readiness Course for rising clerkship and graduating fourth year medical students, respectively. Her research interests include medical education and interprofessional education.

Kim Acquaviva, PhD, MSW, CSE
Betty Norman Norris Endowed Professor

Dr. Acquaviva’s scholarship focuses on LGBTQ aging and end-of-life issues, with clinical focus on patients and families facing life-limiting illnesses in both hospital and hospice settings. As a social worker teaching within a school of nursing, her research interests are interdisciplinary and collaborative.

Natalie May, PhD
Associate Professor of Research

Dr. May is a qualitative researcher with extensive grant writing, program and curriculum development, and program evaluation experience. Her current research projects include the Mattering in Medicine study and Medical Subspecialties HOME Team Program evaluation.

Bee-Ca Lin
Administrative Coordinator

Bee-Ca Lin provides program support and coordinates health system-wide events for both CIPC and the Center for Appreciative Practice. Her goal is to effectively connect people to facilitate conversation and IPE.

The HeART of Medicine

The HeArt of Medicine is a student-run interprofessional program that offers end-of-life education for nursing and medical students. The program uses art in medicine to inform and improve the art of medicine. 45 students attended the first workshop held at the Fralin Art Museum on September 10th. Students reflected upon art related to death and dying and engaged in group discussions. The remaining 2 workshops will be held on October 7th and November 12th. Please direct questions to heartofmedicineuva@gmail.com.

Please visit the new CIPC website: https://ipe.virginia.edu/