# Transforming the Education of Health Professionals at the University of Washington: The Board of Health Sciences Deans Interprofessional Education Initiative

#### **IPE Vision**

To be a world leader in preparing health professionals to address tomorrow's health challenges.

### **IPE Mission**

The University of Washington Interprofessional Education Initiative (IPE) is to advance health for individuals and populations by transforming and integrating the student learning experience across the University of Washington's six Health Sciences schools (Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, Social Work). By transforming curriculum, facilities, and approaches to training and education among these schools, the UW will better equip our students to meet the emerging challenge of improving the health and well-being of people and populations, locally and globally. The health issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century span all the health sciences. To address them, our students, teachers and researchers must bring a team-based, cross-disciplinary, integrative approach to *Transforming the Education of Health Professionals at the University of Washington*.

### **Elevator Speech**

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#### **Brief Statement**

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## **Longer Summary Statement**

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By applying an integrated curriculum and training from across the schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Social Work, our graduates will be well prepared to meet the health challenges of tomorrow. These include: collaboratively creating healthier communities locally to globally, ensuring access to quality health care for all, and developing policies that foster health care quality and efficiency while reducing costs.