

INTRODUCTION

The UW Health Sciences Interprofessional Education Initiative is an effort spearheaded by the University of Washington Board of Health Sciences Deans, who represent the six schools that make up UW Health Sciences—Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Social Work.

The IPE initiative supports a cross-discipline, team-based learning experience for health sciences students.

Interprofessional education is not a stand-alone program with dedicated staff; consequently, the communication strategy for the IPE initiative is to provide UW Health Sciences communication professionals and IPE advocates with a set of tools they can customize—in a consistent and effective way—to communicate the fundamental value of interprofessional education in preparing health professionals to serve in a rapidly changing health services environment.