


Interprofessional Education and Practice Distinguished Scholars Program


Interprofessional Education occurs when students from two or more professions learn with, from, and about each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.


-World Health Organization (WHO, 2010)


The Interprofessional Education and Practice Distinguished Scholars Program (IPEP DS) recognizes students who exhibit excellence in the pursuit of interprofessional education and practice. The IPEP DS Program challenges participants to cooperate, coordinate, and collaborate to transform the future of health and human services.

Perks of participation in the IPEP Distinguished Scholars Program include:

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Notation of distinction on your official UNC-CH transcript upon program completion.
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Unique gold, white, and carolina blue woven graduation cord upon program completion.
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Special opportunities for skills training in leadership, conflict management, and teamwork.
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Support from an expansive network of students, faculty, and staff dedicated to IPEP.

Opportunity available to professional students in following schools:



Program Components

Longitudinal Commitment	Committee Membership	Event Attendance	Immersion Experience	Reflection
<p>Demonstrate a commitment to IPEP for at least two semesters.</p> <p>An orientation will be given at the beginning of each semester. If interested, students will submit an application through the IPEP Portal. This application will indicate the beginning of the student's commitment.</p>	<p>Serve as a member in a group that promotes IPEP initiatives.</p> <p>The student must attend at least 70% of the meetings (not including excused absences) for at least two semesters. A list of approved committees can be found on the Office of IPEP website (ipep.unc.edu).</p>	<p>Attend at least three extracurricular IPE events.</p> <p>To count toward this distinction, events must not be mandatory for the student's program of study. Students must go above and beyond by participating in three extracurricular IPE events.</p>	<p>Participate in at least one IPEP immersion experience.</p> <p>Examples: elective, case competition, research, service-learning, conference, retreat.</p> <p>For experiences not hosted by the OIPEP, contact unc_ipe@unc.edu to ask if the experience will qualify.</p>	<p>Submit a written reflection upon program completion.</p> <p>Students will address a prompt and reflect on how the knowledge, skills, and attitudes gained during the program have enhanced their understanding of other professions and increased their ability to practice collaboratively.</p>

Any event or experience that is required as part of the student's curriculum cannot be submitted for this distinction. The events and experiences for this distinction must be "above and beyond" their school's curricular requirements.

To learn more, visit <https://ipep.unc.edu/students/ipep-distinguished-scholars-program/>