

## National Interprofessional Healthcare Month

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In 2016, the National Academies of Practice (NAP) announced the first National Interprofessional Healthcare Month, making the following statements.

“Whereas, quality health care is in the public’s interest for maintenance of independence, productivity, happiness, overall welfare and well-being of society.

Whereas, quality health care is provided collaboratively by professionals of multiple disciplines dependent upon the health needs of the public at large.

Whereas, primary health care begins with health promotion, wellness, and the prevention of the very diseases and health problems that require treatment from various healthcare professionals.

Whereas, the complexity and breadth of health promotion, illness prevention and quality health care benefits from the diverse knowledge and skills of a range of health care professionals.

Whereas, health care clinicians collaborating in an interprofessional team model of service enhances not only coordination, but safe, effective and high quality health care.”

As an institution whose mission is to enrich lives through providing exceptional education in health professions, Maine College of Health Professions proudly supports NAP’s proclamation in spirit and in deed. The IPE Team at MCHP is passionate about providing students with evidence-based, engaging opportunities to learn and practice core competencies identified by the Interprofessional Education Collaborative: Values/Ethics, Teams/Teamwork, Communication, and Roles/Responsibilities. Through our own work in healthcare we have seen the benefits of effective interprofessional collaboration and we are committed to helping MCHP students gain interprofessional knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Healthcare is dynamic and complex, and only through effective collaboration will we promote the best patient outcomes, responsible use of healthcare resources, and health and longevity of healthcare team members.

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