Clinical Educational Model

The Mission of the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Pacific University is: “To serve our world by fostering active learning, using best practices, with thriving community partnerships for an engaged and sustainable program.”

The Mission supports the clinical education model through:

- Embedding students in community practicum and externship experiences
- Partnering with Graduate and Community Based Clinics & Supervisors
- Dedication to Interprofessional Education (IPE)
- Opportunities for students across the health professions schools to learn together in interprofessional collaborations, both classroom-based and in applied clinical opportunities.

Classroom Based IPE Examples

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Classroom based interprofessional education is grounded in the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) core competencies of:

- Values/Ethics
- Roles/Responsibilities
- Interprofessional Communication
- Teams and Teamwork

Case Conference Topic | IPEC Core Competency
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Patients who are Transgender | Values and Ethics
Pediatric Audiology | Teams and Teamwork
Traumatic Brain Injury | Interprofessional Communication
Addiction | Roles and Responsibilities
Global Health | Roles and Responsibilities
Mental Health | Values and Ethics

In the PCH Clinics, speech language pathology (SLP) graduate students work alongside doctoral clinical psychology and naturopathic medical students. The highlight of this collaborative opportunity are the weekly interprofessional team meetings. These meetings bring students from each discipline together to discuss shared clients, create new referrals, and facilitate understanding of the roles and responsibilities respective professions. Examples of discussion topics include:

- Transgender voice coaching with referrals to other disciplines
- Supportive language strategies when providing psychotherapy to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Communication strategies when providing psychotherapy to people with aphasia

In addition to clinic based service provision, the PCH offers opportunities for community outreach and collaborative research.

- Outreach events educate the public and other stakeholders on the low-cost interprofessional services offered at the Clinics. These events are held at local libraries, community centers and public happenings.
- Collaborative Research projects, including a Program Evaluation of a community-based Music group for Stroke Survivors, are natural research extensions of the clinical partnership.

References