**INTRODUCTION**

- As a first step of an innovative interprofessional (IP) curriculum for the College of Allied Health Sciences, new students participated in an hour-long interprofessional event regarding survival during orientation.
- Immediately following the exercise there was a discussion that focused on the significance of teamwork and the need for effective communication in teamwork to help the teams survive.
- Participating disciplines: Addiction and Rehabilitation Counseling, Audiology, Clinical Lab Science, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, and Speech Therapy
- During the Fall semester, students will have additional means of collaboration in an IP course dedicated to teaching communication, values/ethics, roles/responsibilities and social determinants of health

**BEST IDEAS AND PRACTICES**

- Gathering students at orientation before external stressors are present
- Preassign students from different disciplines to form the teams
- Ask table questions for student input about teamwork and communication
- Allow for sufficient time for students to give their input
- Award prizes for best and worst survival performances
- Create a ‘no pressure’ zone for the event

**REFERENCES**