

TO: University of Wisconsin-Madison Health Sciences' Faculty

FROM: The University of Wisconsin-Madison Health Sciences Council and the Interprofessional Health Committee (IHC)

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RE: Call for Interprofessional Course Proposals

In response to an April 2003 report from the Institute of Medicine recommending that all programs training and educating health professionals teach students to “work as members of an interprofessional team,” and the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s stated commitment to interdisciplinary teaching (Virginia Sapiro, 2003), we are issuing another call for courses. As you may recall, the IHC has developed:

1. An interprofessional teaching module incorporating introductory, experiential and reflective components related to health care teamwork.
2. Criteria for health science coursework identified as interprofessional
3. A review and approval process for interprofessional coursework proposals
4. Recommendations for interprofessional continuing health education and reward systems for interprofessional health education efforts
5. A collection of literature and resources related to the education of health professions students

Previous calls for Interprofessional Course Proposals resulted in the designation of seven courses. These courses include the following topics: End of Life; Medication Use Safety; Patient Safety; Rural Health Care Practice; Health and Disease in Uganda, Coordinated Care of the Child with Chronic Illness, and Population Health Care. The IHC is issuing a third call for interprofessional course proposals for fall 2005. Faculty seeking inclusion of their courses or learning activities in the Monday 4:30-6:30 dedicated time slot are encouraged to respond to this call. See Call for Courses attachment for details. The submission deadline for the fall 2005 semester is December 21, 2004.

Our goal is a collaborative academic partnership that affords health professions students the interprofessional knowledge and skills to provide optimal safety and quality in 21st Century health care. We look forward to working with you.

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