



Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative
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CIHC R&E Committee; CIHC-ResearchNet Subcommittee

Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative Research Network (CIHC-ResearchNet)

CIHC-ResearchNet is a Sub-Committee of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Committee of the Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CIHC).

The VISION of CIHC-ResearchNet is: a national interprofessional health research network of Canadian health program students, faculty/educators, researchers, clinicians/practitioners, administrators, and organizational leaders who are engaged in collaborative research and knowledge translation to advance Interprofessional Education and Practice.

Why CIHC-ResearchNet?

- To build national capacity for and facilitate interprofessional education and practice research
- To provide a forum for networking, discussion, information exchange, and research into and about interprofessional education and practice
- To foster new, and enhance existing, interprofessional collaborations among and between students, faculty/educators, practitioners, and organizations who are conducting/funding (or willing to conduct/fund) interprofessional research studies
- To foster the development of IECPCP by providing a vehicle for promoting the research-based evidence for best-practice interprofessional education and practice

What Is The CIHC-ResearchNet Life Cycle?

CIHC-ResearchNet will be created through 3 interrelated developmental phases—formative, evolving, and maturing (Browne, Campion, & Stenger, 2001).

- ❖ **Phase 1-** Formative: Strategic plan, surveys, database and website development - 1 year
- ❖ **Phase 2- Evolving:** Network promotion: nationally, internationally, and beyond healthcare; knowledge exchange & dissemination - 1 year
- ❖ **Phase 3:** Maturing: Establishment of local chapters, collaborative research projects, hub of information on research in IPE&P – 6 months to 1 year.

What Is The Plan?



❖ Phase 1- Formative:

• Step A: Preliminary Network Structure

- ✚ Development a Strategic Plan for each phase of the network

• Actions:

- I. Environmental scan; SWOTs analysis (*SWOTs* is an acronym for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats).
 - ✓ Determining internal strengths and weaknesses
 - ✓ Determining external opportunities and threats
 - Assessing what resources are available and how any existing gaps can be bridged
 - Identifying the impact of any relevant constraints to the planning process itself (time, money, people availability)
- II. Creating an action plan
 - ✓ Who do what, when and how
- III. Developing a proposal for funding

• Step B: Survey

- ✚ Obtaining some core information about IPE/IPP research in Canada

❖ Core Required Information Includes:

- the numbers of researchers (along with their contact information if possible)
- their research areas of interest
- their source of funding
- Local network/contact

• Actions:

- I. Connection with IP Offices
 - ✓ Obtaining information about students (under/graduate, post-doctoral) and faculty/educators who are conducting (or willing to conduct) research on IPE/IPP
- II. Connection with CIHC Mainstream
 - ✓ Obtaining information about clinician/practitioners, administrators, and organizational leaders who are conducting research on IPE/IPP
- III. Connection with NaHSSA
 - ✓ Obtaining information about students who are conducting research on IPE/IPP
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• Step C: Database



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- ✚ Creating an initial database
 - **Actions:**
 - I. Connection with the stakeholders
 - ✓ Membership with CIHC-ResearchNet
 - II. Develop a database structure
 - ***Step D: Launch a Website***
 - ✚ Identify a host institution
- ❖ **Phase 2- Evolving:**
 - ***Step A:*** National And International CIHC-Researchnet Promotion
 - ***Step B:*** Expanding The Network Within And Beyond The Health Institution/Agencies
 - ***Step C:*** Knowledge Exchange & Dissemination
- ❖ **Phase 3: Maturing:**
 - ***Step A:*** Establishment of local chapters, collaborative research projects
 - ***Step B:*** Hub of information on research in IPE&P
 - ***Step C:*** Interagency Connection
 - ✚ Connection with local/provincial/national health and social policymakers and decision-makers

Reference:

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