

Patient Centred Interprofessional Team Experiences (P-CITE)

Objective

The goal of the P-CITE program is to improve the health of communities, families and individuals across Saskatchewan through engagement of communities and academic institutions in implementing and evaluating interprofessional teams for patient-centred health care.

“As the student representative on the P-CITE Steering Committee, I have witnessed firsthand how P-CITE projects are transforming the ways in which health science students are learning across the province.”

Project Approach

1. Introduce four themes for interprofessional education projects: Child and Youth Mental Communities, Chronic Disease in Middle Age Adults, Health in Aboriginal Health, and Elders in Transition from Acute to Community Care.
2. Create a Faculty Development Working group to develop a range of resources and hold workshops for university and community faculty members interested in advancing interprofessional education in the province.
3. Provide funding for initiatives throughout Saskatchewan that support classroom, problem based and clinical experiences for over 3,000 health professional students.
4. Evaluate and research the P-CITE program to advance the understanding of best practices for interprofessional education.

Results

As of 2007, the P-CITE project has funded over 31 initiatives throughout Saskatchewan supporting classroom, problem based, and clinical experiences for over 3000 health professional students. Projects have engaged over 300 educators, clinicians, policy makers and administrators from various communities including health regions, educational institutions, students, non-profit organizations and government.

Conclusion

Since receiving the initial funding for P-CITE, the projects have transformed healthcare in Saskatchewan. P-CITE funding is coming to a close, and the project has moved to knowledge dissemination of IPE and sustainability of IPE in Saskatchewan, in order to leave a legacy to be built upon. Evaluation of the projects and the P-CITE program is critical to understanding what works in interprofessional education and to identify key elements to make interprofessional education sustainable.

Resources

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