

WI AHEC Interprofessional (IP) Healthcare Case Competition FAQ's

What is an Interprofessional Healthcare case competition? It is a competition for both undergraduate and graduate college students in a health profession program. Students from a Technical College, College or University can create a team of 4 to 5 students. No more than two students from one professional program may participate in a single team, and each team must represent at least three professions. These student teams will receive a case study that they must analyze the interprofessional efforts that occurred during the care of the patient/client. Students will present their finding and recommendation for collaboration to a panel of judges on the competition day. The first, second and third place teams will be awarded cash prizes.

Who is WI AHEC? The Wisconsin Area Health Education Center program is a health professional's education and outreach program supported by the State of Wisconsin, federal grants, health professions training programs and local communities. The WI AHEC system consists of 7 regional centers – each providing local programs and services- and a statewide program office.

What are the Objectives of the Interprofessional Healthcare case competition? The IP healthcare case competition is designed to give professional healthcare students an interprofessional teamwork experience and to help students gain insight into the following IP practice competencies; *Values and Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities, Interprofessional Communication, and Teams and Teamwork*. This case competition is designed to reveal the complexity of the healthcare delivery system and the need for collaboration between healthcare professionals in order to reach the best health outcomes for patients/clients.

Why should I participate? By participating in the WI AHEC interprofessional healthcare case competition students will have the opportunity to:

- Compete for cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Participate in an Interprofessional health care team experience
- Prepare yourself for professional practice
- Gain a competitive edge in the job market, by using Interprofessional core competencies

How do I create a Team? Teams will be composed of 4 to 5 members that include students currently enrolled in any Wisconsin healthcare program. **No more than two students** from each healthcare **profession program/degree** may participate in a single team; each team must represent at least three distinct professions/degree. Participants must be at least part-time students at the institution they represent. **Students can be in undergraduate or graduate programs.**

Who is considered a Healthcare professional? Below is a list of examples of healthcare profession degrees or programs:

Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician
Clinical/Medical Technology
Medical Laboratory Scientist
Phlebotomy Technicians
Dental Assistant
Dental Hygiene
Dental Laboratory Technician
Dentistry
Dietetic Technician
Dietitian
Emergency Medical Technician – any level
Health Educator
Community Health Education
Health Science Librarian
Medical Illustration
Medical Photography
Medical Writer

Health Care Administration (Business)
Health Information Administration
Health Information Technician
Health Unit Coordinator
Medical Coding Specialist
Medical Secretary
Medical Transcriptionist
Health Care Facility Administrator
Mental Health Counselor
Psychology
Social Work
Nurse Midwife
Licensed Practical Nurse
Medical Assistant
Registered Nurse
Chiropractic Specialist
Chiropractor
Medication Assistant

Pharmacy
Pharmacy Technician
Physician/ Medicine
Physician Assistant
Public Health
Nuclear Medicine Technology
Radiation Therapy
Radiologic Technology
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Equipment Technician
Cardiovascular Technology
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
Ultrasound Technology
Surgical Technology
Audiology
Athletic Training
Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Physical Therapy
Physical Therapy Assistant
Recreational Therapy
Respiratory Therapy

Speech-Language Pathology
Veterinary
Veterinary Technician

Ophthalmic Laboratory Technician
Optician
Optometric Technician

*Other professions that are not listed may be considered.

What is the schedule of events?

- Applications for creating a student team will open on September 1st, 2016.
- The deadline to apply is Monday, October 3rd, 2016
- Team Captains will be emailed the Handbook & the Case Study on Monday, October 10th, 2016.
- **Deadline for submission of Executive summary, Budget is Wednesday, December 7th, 2016**
- Regional Centers review submissions and choose regional team on December 8th and 9th. Submit any other teams to statewide pool to be reviewed by AHEC state staff to choose "at large" teams
- Week of December 12th: At least 8 teams will be selected to compete in front of judges in the Wisconsin Dells; the team contact person will be notified.
- **PowerPoint presentations are due for Statewide competition on January 4th, 2017**
- Competition date is Thursday, January 12th and Friday, January 13th, 2017.

How does the whole process work? All student teams receive the same case study and will work from October 10th to December 7th to create a 3-page executive summary and a 1 page budget. Student teams will submit these materials to be reviewed by a regional committee in the AHEC region they wish to represent. At least **one team** from each AHEC region will be selected to compete professionally at the WI AHEC IP Healthcare Case Competition in the Wisconsin Dells (January 12-13th). Teams selected to compete at the state competition in the WI Dells will be required to complete a PowerPoint presentation of their oral presentation, this is due on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017. Not all teams will move on to present in front of the panel of judges in the Wisconsin Dells on January 12th and 13th, 2017. Teams that are not selected to compete may also attend and observe the event.

How do I apply? The application for the WI AHEC Healthcare Case Competition is online. You can go to the following website (www.ahec.wisc.edu), and click on the link that reads "WI AHEC Healthcare Case Competition Application."

How does our team choose a WI AHEC region? **At least one team member must live or go to school in the region they are representing.**

When does the application open? The online application for creating an Interprofessional team will open on September 1st, 2016.

What if I don't have a team but want to participate? If you are having difficulty constructing an Interprofessional team, start by contacting an academic faculty member. He/she may be able to help you make connections with other health profession programs at your academic facility. Also, check with any health care student associations on campus or Interprofessional student associations, they might be able to connect you with students from different degrees, majors or programs. You are also welcome to contact your regional AHEC representative (see map) for assistance in helping to make connections to other health profession students in your region.

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Is there any fee to participate in this event? Yes. Each team member will pay a *non-refundable* registration fee of \$35.

When do I pay my registration fee? Student team members pay the registration fee at the time of application. At least one team from each AHEC region will be selected to participate in the case competition. All teams will receive the case to analyze, and at least one team from each AHEC region will be selected to present their case analysis in front of the judges at the case competition event in the Wisconsin Dells.

What about expenses in the Wisconsin Dells? The teams **that are selected to compete** in the Wisconsin Dells in front of the judges will be provided a hotel room (Thursday, January 12) and meals at the Kalahari Resort, sponsored by Wisconsin AHEC. Lunch (Friday, January 13) will also be provided to any teams who submitted an entry and come to observe, even if they are not presenting to the judges.

Does my team need to have a faculty advisor? Teams are encouraged to find a faculty advisor or former IP Hc CC competitor to serve as their team coach, although this is not necessary. Although faculty advisors cannot help with the case analysis, they can help guide teams to resources as well as give advice and feedback on presentation, communication, and organizational skills.

When is the deadline date for a team application? The deadline for a team registration is Monday, October 3rd, 2016.

What is the competition event date? The competition is a two-day event, with an evening welcome reception on Thursday, January 12th 2017 and the competition presentations are on the day of Friday, January 13th 2017.

Do I have to be present for the competition event? If your team is selected to compete at the Wisconsin Dells event, you must be present on the day of the competition and present with your team to the panel of judges in order to be eligible for any prize money.

What if a team member drops out? If a team member must drop out of the competition, the team may still continue to participate. However, a replacement team member will **not** be allowed. Rather, the team shall continue as a smaller team and any prize money awarded to the team will be distributed equally among the remaining team members.

Can I participate if I am graduating in December 2016? Yes. Since all of the work is done during the fall semester students graduating in December of 2016 are eligible to participate as long as they are present during the competition event on January 12 and 13, 2017.