

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 technical, undergraduate, or graduate programs.**

**What if I do not have a team but want to participate?** We have created an application for the individual applicant! This application is meant for individuals that want to participate in the case competition but do not have the connections to form their own team. After filling out this application, AHEC staff will review your information and region of interest and place you on an existing team or form a team of individual applicants. **Once you submit an individual application, you CANNOT be included on a separate team application!**

**What is the schedule of events?**

- Applications for creating a student team will open on September 1, 2020.
- The deadline to apply is Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Team Captains will be emailed the Handbook & the Case Study around Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Deadline for submission of Executive summary, Budget is December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Week of December 14<sup>th</sup>: At least 8 teams will be selected to compete in front of judges in the Wisconsin Dells; the team contact person (Team captain) will be notified.
- **PowerPoint presentations are due for Statewide competition on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Competition date is **Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** will be held virtually- more details to come!

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

Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	Medical Secretary	Biomedical Engineering
Clinical/Medical Technology	Medical Transcriptionist	Biomedical Equipment Technician
Medical Laboratory Scientist	Health Care Facility Administrator	Cardiovascular Technology
Phlebotomy Technicians	Mental Health Counselor	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
Dental Assistant	Psychology	Ultrasound Technology
Dental Hygiene	Social Work	Surgical Technology
Dental Laboratory Technician	Nurse Midwife	Audiology
Dentistry	Licensed Practical Nurse	Athletic Training
Dietetic Technician	Medical Assistant	Occupational Therapy
Dietitian	Registered Nurse	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Emergency Medical Technician – any level	Chiropractic Specialist	Physical Therapy
Health Educator	Chiropractor	Physical Therapy Assistant
Community Health Education	Medication Assistant	Recreational Therapy
Health Science Librarian	Pharmacy	Respiratory Therapy
Medical Illustration	Pharmacy Technician	Speech-Language Pathology
Medical Photography	Physician/ Medicine	Veterinary
Medical Writer	Physician Assistant	Veterinary Technician
Health Care Administration (Business)	Public Health	Ophthalmic Laboratory Technician
Health Information Administration	Nuclear Medicine Technology	Optician
Health Information Technician	Radiation Therapy	Optometric Technician
Health Unit Coordinator	Radiologic Technology	
Medical Coding Specialist		

\*Other professions that are not listed may be considered.

**How does the whole process work?** All student teams receive the same case study and will work from October 20<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (January 7-8<sup>th</sup>). Teams selected to compete at the state competition will be required to complete a PowerPoint presentation of their oral presentation, this is due on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Not all teams will move on to present in front of the panel of judges on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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](http://www.ahec.wisc.edu)), and click on the link that reads “WI AHEC Interprofessional Case Competition Application.” Or “WI AHEC Interprofessional Case Competition Individual Application”. Or at the NEWAHEC webpage [click here](#).

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Is there any fee to participate in this event?** Yes. Each team member will pay a *non-refundable* registration fee of \$35. AHEC Scholars fees are paid by your regional center.

**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 statewide event.

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**Does my team need to have a faculty advisor?** Teams are encouraged to find a faculty advisor or former IPHcCC 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 registration is Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**What is the competition event date?** The competition is a two-day event, with an evening welcome reception on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the competition presentations are on the day of Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This event is moving to a virtual statewide event. Details about the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of January will be posted in November.

**Do I have to be present for the competition event?** If your team is selected to compete in the statewide competition, 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, unless contingency plans for the event have been made or changed.

**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 2020?** Yes. Since all the work is done during the fall semester students graduating in December of 2020 are eligible to participate if they are present during the competition event on January 7 and 8, 2021.

**What if I have a question that was not addressed here?** Please contact the event coordinator, Jill Niemczyk, via email at [jilln@newahec.org](mailto:jilln@newahec.org) or by phone at 920-652-0238.

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*Open to Wisconsin college students - tech, undergrad & grad students*

