

# 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 undergraduate or graduate programs.**

**What if I don't have a team but want to participate?** New this year is 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!**

**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

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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  
Physical Therapy  
Physical Therapy Assistant

Recreational Therapy  
Respiratory Therapy  
Speech-Language Pathology  
Veterinary  
Veterinary Technician  
Ophthalmic Laboratory Technician  
Optician  
Optometric Technician  
Engineering (Industrial, Electrical, Physics, Mechanical, etc.)

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.
- The deadline to apply is Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Team Captains will be emailed the Handbook & the Case Study around Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.
- **Deadline for submission of Executive summary, Budget is Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
- Regional Centers review submissions and choose regional team on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Week of December 9<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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

Competition date is Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**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 in the Wisconsin Dells (January 9-10<sup>th</sup>). 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Not all teams will move on to present in front of the panel of judges in the Wisconsin Dells on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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 Healthcare Case Competition Application." Or "WI AHEC Healthcare Case Competition Individual 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

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

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**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 9) at the Kalahari Resort, sponsored by Wisconsin AHEC. Breakfast and Lunch (Friday, January 10) 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 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 a team registration is Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**What is the competition event date?** The competition is a two-day event, with an evening welcome reception on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the competition presentations are on the day of Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**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 2019?** Yes. Since all of the work is done during the fall semester students graduating in December of 2019 are eligible to participate as long as they are present during the competition event on January 9 and 10, 2020.