

**Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice**  
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**Value Added**

The primary work of the Center will be to design, facilitate, coordinate, promote, and evaluate Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice. The value-added by having an organized Center is three-fold:

1. It will house the infrastructure that is needed to develop, support, evaluate, and sustain an academic culture wherein students, faculty, and staff work collaboratively within and across interprofessional teams to accomplish and report better outcomes than can be achieved through independent healthcare practice.
2. It will establish a visible institutional presence for and outward commitment to interprofessional education, research, and practice across the University and on behalf of the University to its external constituents.
3. It will position the University of Kentucky to effectively pursue and obtain external funding to develop interprofessional education, research, and practice initiatives.

**Reporting Relationships, Faculty Leadership, Governance, and Organization**

1. Governance

Deans from the participating colleges and the Director of the Center will form the core governance body for the Center. The governance body will convene at least quarterly to establish Center priorities and review progress in relationship to its stated mission and goals. The initial cohort of participating Deans represent the Colleges of Communications, Dentistry, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Social Work.

2. Faculty Leadership

The Dean from each participating college will appoint one or more representatives to the Center's Core Working Group. A Director of the Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice will work with the Deans of the participating colleges and their designees to advance its mission and goals, act as the Center's spokesperson, and administrate its day-to-day activities.

3. Reporting Relationships

The Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice will be housed operationally in the Office of the Provost. The Director of the Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice will report to a senior faculty administrator on the Provost's staff and work in partnership with the governance body and the core Working Group to advance Center priorities and accomplish its goals.

**Funding**

Provost Subbaswamy and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Karpf will provide recurring funding for the operations of the Center. Additional funding will be secured through grants and contracts. The granting opportunities are excellent.

**Evaluation and Accountability**

The performance of the Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice will be reviewed annually and evaluated periodically as is the case for each University of Kentucky educational unit (including any college, community college, school, department, graduate center or interdisciplinary instructional program in the University, as per AR II-1.0-6). Bamsteiner and colleagues [28] have suggested criteria by which to evaluate an organization's level of engagement in IPE. Using those metrics and the evaluative measures developed by the Provost's Office, the Center's impact will be assessed on a regular basis, reported to the Center's constituencies and used to improve the Center's effectiveness.