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Dear First-year MPH Students,

I would like to introduce you to **IPHS 650 CRN 11763, Interprofessional Education for MPH Students**. This is a no-credit, pass-fail required course that will be offered starting in Spring 2019.

Interprofessional Education (IPE) is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as “*When students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.*” (WHO, 2010). “Academic programs for health professionals from all disciplines across the country and internationally are putting energy into developing curricula to meet the challenge of educating a “*collaboration ready health workforce*” (WHO, 2010) that is prepared to provide patient-centered, effective care that improves the health of individuals and of the population as a whole.” (Syllabus for IPE Day, April 13, 2018).

In recognition of the importance of preparing public health professionals to be able to work effectively with professionals from various disciplines, the Council on Public Health Education (CEPH), the accrediting body for the UIC SPH, has included IPE as one of the competencies that must be addressed in the MPH curriculum.

All first-year MPH students entering Fall 2018 must complete the IPE requirement before graduation, and we are recommending that you complete IPHS 650 CRN 11763 this spring.

We have selected an activity for on-campus students and an activity for online students that we believe will mesh well with student interests and schedules and fulfill CEPH requirements for students to develop an IPE competency:

We highly recommend that on-campus students fulfill their IPHS 650 CRN 11763 requirement by participating in the UIC IPE Immersion Day. This annual event brings together nearly 1,000 graduate students and over 100 faculty and staff facilitators from all seven science colleges to explore interprofessional collaborative practice across health disciplines and professions. Facilitated interprofessional group discussions are designed to help you develop knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for collaborative, team-based health and health care interventions. Immersion Day will take place on Friday, April 12, 2019, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on the East Campus.

We highly recommend that on-line students enroll in the on-line module *Navigating a Foodborne Outbreak: Preparation for Interprofessional Practice*, which is an interactive, online module that demonstrates the importance of interprofessional practice among health professionals to improve and protect population health. The module includes a pre-module assessment, case scenario videos, supporting resources that can be saved to a personal library, a post-module assessment, and a Certificate of Completion. The module specifically targets

medical, nursing (baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral level), and public health (baccalaureate and master's level) students, and may also be relevant to other health professionals at various stages of their training." (from website)

Steps in the Process

- Register for "IPHS 650 CRN 11763 Getzenberg 0 credits" for Spring 2019. Your Academic Coordinator will be able to help you with any problems here. This course section satisfies the Interprofessional Education (IPE) requirement only. Note that registration in this course section must not be used to fulfill the IPHS 650 Applied Practice Experience requirement. Students registered in this section do not have permission to attend an IPHS 650 Applied Practice site. Students seeking to complete their IPHS 650 Applied Practice Experience requirement should visit the following website for more information: <http://publichealth.uic.edu/applied-practice-experience>.
- Access the SPH IPE webpage <https://go.uic.edu/ipe> and review the course syllabus to get a deeper understanding of the course and its requirements.
- If for some reason the recommended activities do not fit into your schedule or particular interest, review the approved options, also available on the webpage, and carefully review the requirements of each.
- Once the Blackboard site opens for IPHS 650 CRN 11763 (by the second or third week in December), complete the online selection form, noting what you have selected as your IPE activity. **Please make your selection no later than January 18, 2019** (for those who may be selecting an alternate activity that starts at the beginning of Spring term, you will want to complete the selection form before January). **Please note that students enrolled in HPA 494: Interdisciplinary Product Development may use that class as their IPE;** in that case, please indicate same on the selection form.
- For those of you selecting Immersion Day as your IPE activity, which we anticipate being nearly all of you, you will be able to register for Immersion Day via the IPHS 650 CRN 11763 Blackboard site.
- For those selecting the *Navigating a Foodborne Outbreak* option, you will register for the online module upon completion of the selection form available in Blackboard.
- For the few of you who may select an alternate activity, note and follow the registration requirements for your selection.

I wish you well in your interprofessional experiences--

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