

## Another Interprofessional Education Activity Conducted at the College of Pharmacy



Over 50 students from Qatar University (QU) College of Pharmacy (CPH) second year students, alongside students from the department of health sciences, nutrition program and nursing students from the University of Calgary, Qatar participated in interprofessional educational (IPE) activities entitled: 'Being An Effective Team Player'.

The event took place at the College of Pharmacy on 31 March 2014.

Dean Ayman Al-Kadi initiated the event by a welcoming speech followed by a talk by Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Alla El-Awaisi that included introducing the concept of interprofessional education and the characteristics of an effective team. This was followed by an icebreaker games session and then two IPE activities and reflections. Facilitators for this session included: Dr Abdelmonem Hassan and Tamara Alabdi from Human Nutrition Program - Health Sciences Department, Qatar University and Dr Hazem Elewa and Ms Marwa Najjar from the College of Pharmacy, Qatar University.

QPhUS president Shorouk Mohamed Abdelkader who participated in this event remarked "Having a professional session such as the IPE session, gave us the opportunity to learn more about our profession as well as other health professions. The IPE activity helped us in improving our communication skills with other health care students. Not only this, but it also highlighted our moral and virtue standards that we as pharmacists should have, follow, and believe in. Being able to deal and understand people from different professions, gathered on one table, helped in relating our ideas and knowledge with theirs, which will eventually lead to a highly provided patient centered care.

Another pharmacy student Alya Babiker was pleased with this experience and said 'we got to know more about each other's roles and the contributions of each of the three different specialties in caring for the patient. We also learned about how crucial it is to communicate effectively within a multidisciplinary team and the most important thing is that we got to learn it together. I look forward for more IPE activities'.

Nesma Ahmed Eissa added that this experience made her realize the importance of being a pharmacist and 'how huge is our responsibility. I really respect other health care professionals more now'.

Nursing student Mona Saleem enjoyed working with other healthcare students and felt the need to be an ambassador to her profession as 'others didn't know what nursing is about'.

This is the third interprofessional educational activity where pharmacy students have an IPE activity with other healthcare students during this academic year.