

Pharmacy and Nursing students IPE activity at the University of Calgary

An inter-professional education event between the College of Pharmacy and University of Calgary Qatar worked together to develop their own discipline care plan and then discuss the care plans with the other discipline. A total of 33 nursing and pharmacy students worked together on this IPE activity. “This is one way to foster interprofessional education. It is relatively new but we believe that this is a very effective strategy to teach students about complex problems,” explains Zohra Hasnani-Samnani, Nursing Instructor and co-coordinator of the event. Dr Kerry Wilbur, Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy Practice at Qatar University was encouraged by the professionalism that both disciplines showed in their approach to patient case assessment. “Teamwork is essential for effective patient care and safe delivery of healthcare. The sooner we have different disciplines working together the better it is in terms of building teams. They appreciated each other’s skill-sets and what each can offer to patient care. They become more open-minded when they reach the professional setting in terms of being multi-disciplined in their approach to patient care. The patients and the healthcare system are the ultimate winners in all of this,” Wilbur expresses.