

Strengthening Interprofessional Understanding in Community Practice Learning for Specialist Practice Qualifications (SPQ) and specialist community public health nurse (SCPHN) students



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Aim

A series of online interprofessional education (IPE) sessions was delivered to SPQ/SCPHN students over one academic semester to allow opportunities to explore referral pathways, shared responsibilities, and the contributions of partner agencies that may not be fully visible within a single practice learning experience (PLE) (NMC, 2024).

Methods

Experts provided a short session of their role and responsibilities in supporting communities and their referral criteria and pathways. Online learning platforms provide an opportunity to work together using collaborative practice and problem-based learning to enhance student experience

Results/Discussion

Students reported improved understanding of service provision, referral routes and escalation pathways, and greater appreciation of professional roles and responsibilities across sectors. Evaluation data from students and guest speakers demonstrated a highly positive experience overall. Guest speakers valued the opportunity to contribute to workforce development and increase awareness of their services amongst future community leaders.

Conclusion Short, structured IPE sessions with speakers can effectively strengthen SPQ/SCPHN students' confidence in navigating pathways and working across services to support

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- Hear from speakers in Health, Social Care, Emergency Services & the Third Sector
- Meet professionals, make connections & uncover opportunities
- Get inspired and find out how you can make a difference!

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Very relevant and useful having the local services and advice on how to refer to.

It was useful to hear what each service do for patients and how we can work together/ refer to each other for support

Good to have update on their role as don't come into contact with them often as a community nurse visiting housebound patients. However, have had to refer to child protection in the past due to concerns for children when visiting a parent, so good to have update

With Special thanks to all our guest speaker in supporting our IPL sessions

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