

# IPCE Delivers

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## Improving Health Outcomes through Interprofessional Continuing Education

Interprofessional continuing education (IPCE) has the power to transform our healthcare system.

IPCE occurs when members from two or more professions learn with, from, and about each other to enable collaboration and improve health outcomes. Learning together, these teams become a force for change and innovation, improving outcomes for everyone.

### IPCE helps organizations:

#### Improve patient care.

IPCE has been shown to improve the coordination of care, resulting in improved mortality rates and reduced patient length of stay.<sup>1,2</sup>

#### Retain valued team members.

IPCE creates greater job satisfaction through a culture of mutual respect and support. Team members who learn from each other also care for each other, reducing burdens that might otherwise impede effective patient care.

#### Deliver cost-effective care.

Interprofessional teams create greater efficiencies for their organizations. They maximize shared resources, reduce redundancies, and work more effectively together to solve complex problems.<sup>3</sup>

#### Increase their visibility.

Organizations offering IPCE can engage more healthcare professionals.<sup>4</sup> On average, organizations see an 80% increase in IPCE activities two years after achieving Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education.<sup>TM</sup>

#### Lead strategically.

Health systems that invest in interprofessional collaboration are more resilient and better equipped to act effectively in times of crisis.<sup>5</sup>

IPCE is continuing education that is for the team and by the team. It motivates healthcare professionals to learn and work together in a way that encourages growth and widespread change.

Engagement with IPCE is at an all-time high with over 113,000 accredited educational activities and 43 million learner interactions reported in 2023.<sup>6</sup> Healthcare professionals know from experience the joy and satisfaction that comes from learning and working together as a team and having the right tools to more effectively improve the health and safety of patients.



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