Promoting Interprofessional Identity through Virtual Simulations

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The Team

Occupational Therapy
Nursing
Speech Language Pathology
Physician Assistant

Building the Case
The Case

Team Conferencing

Some were observers…
...some were participants

Results of the RIPLS*

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<td>Shared learning will help me to understand my own professional limitations.</td>
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<td>I am not sure what my professional role will be/is.</td>
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<td>I have to acquire much more knowledge and skill than other students/professionals in my own faculty/organization.</td>
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<td>Shared learning with other health and social care students/professionals will increase my ability to understand clinical problems.</td>
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<td>Team-working skills are vital for all health and social care students/professionals to learn.</td>
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*RIPLS Post-test only, select questions
What are 3 things you learned from this experience?

1. Better understanding of other professional roles and knowledge base
   “IPE certainly has a place in health education, and the better we understand each other as health professionals and have the opportunity to interact with patient cases, we might better understand our roles and focuses better and develop better team attitudes when considering the care of a patient.”

   “I have realized how much jargon from interrelated fields I do not understand, and I feel strongly that when participating in interprofessional teams, team members need to be cognizant of this fact and attempt to use more simplistic language, paraphrase, or perhaps define complex terminology.”

2. Better understanding of Post CVA care

3. Importance of communication
   “This experience has highlighted the importance of constant communication between interprofessionals, and I have gained some insight on how beneficial working within an interprofessional team can be in progress monitoring and guiding the direction of holistic future goals.”

What would you change about this experience?

Discussion
   “Facilitate more discussion between the participants…”
   “The round table conference was great. I do think there was some more discussion to be had, especially between myself the PA and the NP. We disagreed slightly on the best hypertension strategy though we overall agreed on the general movement of treatment.”

Technology
   Difficulty hearing audio
   “It was difficult to read the slides clearly from the observers’ seats…
   “I do miss the personal, face to face interaction. The non-verbal communication is so important and I think that piece is lost in a virtual simulation.
   “It may be helpful to provide a recording or script at the end.”