

Because quality and
safety *aren't* electives.



IHI OPEN SCHOOL

for health professions

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Making a difference in the life of each patient. That's why we decide to go into health care. We become doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, managers, policy advisors, and other types of health care workers because we believe every patient deserves the best care.

Millions of people, however, are hurt during encounters with the health care system. Despite the rigorous preparation and hard work of health care providers, an estimated 44,000 to 98,000 Americans die every year from preventable mistakes in their care.*

Other problems are less dramatic but still damaging to patients. Delays, ineffective treatment, disparities in the quality of care, and high costs are so common in our health care system that they've become the status quo. *It doesn't have to be this way.*

It's time for students to take a stand.

Engaging the Next Generation of Leaders

Students, not yet steeped in the cultural norms of their professions, are uniquely positioned to spot opportunities for improvement. Their enormous energy for change has yet to be fully tapped.

The IHI Open School for Health Professions, a new initiative of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, harnesses students' energy for reform. We will support a critical mass of students enrolled in health-related degree programs around the world, giving them the skills they need to become change agents when they enter the workforce.

Reaching a Critical Mass Worldwide

To achieve these aims, the IHI Open School for Health Professions offers courses created by the best minds in health care improvement, relevant and engaging online resources, and an interprofessional, face-to-face community network linking students to mentors and colleagues across the globe.

The IHI Open School is free to all students. There are no applications and no admissions requirements. Students can participate while enrolled in traditional degree programs.

* Institute of Medicine. *To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press; 1999.

Many Avenues, One Aim

Online courses by world-renowned faculty

Why should students take IHI Open School courses? Because they build skills in quality improvement and patient safety. Because employers care. Because too many patients suffer for no good reason.

We currently offer free online courses in quality improvement and patient safety. And we're adding more all the time.

A globe-spanning network of campus Chapters

The IHI Open School's Chapter network gives students a way to connect with like-minded students and faculty from other states, countries, and health-related professions—both face-to-face and online.

A Chapter is a grassroots organizing group on a college or hospital campus.

One student usually starts and leads each Chapter, but faculty members, deans, and health professionals can initiate Chapters as well. The IHI Open School has Chapters in the US, Canada, England, Scotland, Wales, Mexico, Norway, and Sweden—and the list is growing.

A bounty of online resources

Log in and check out our case studies, podcasts, videos, featured articles, discussion boards, and expert advice—all free.

Visit IHI.org/OpenSchool to get started.

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New Opportunities Coming Soon

IHI Open School Certification

The IHI Open School plans to offer two levels of certification—Basic and Advanced—for students who want formal recognition for their participation.

Continuing Education Certification

The IHI Open School aims to fulfill the requirements for continuing education from most professional accrediting organizations. Visit IHI.org/OpenSchool to find out more.

Questions? Email OpenSchool@IHI.org.



Students in the IHI Open School's Wales Chapter with IHI President and CEO Don Berwick at a 1000 Lives Campaign meeting in Wales, UK

Get involved

If you are a student:

- Take an online course and start progressing toward IHI Open School certification.
- Start or join a Chapter at your college or university.
- Join the next call in our monthly On Call teleconference series featuring students talking with world-renowned experts in health care improvement.

If you are a faculty member or dean:

- Start or support a Chapter at your college or university.
- Share your patient safety and quality improvement teaching resources with other educators.
- Coach or mentor students in a clinical setting.
- Learn more about IHI's Health Professions Education Collaborative.

If you are a non-student health professional:

- Find out if a Chapter exists in your area. If not, become a faculty advisor for a new Chapter.
- Be a guest speaker for a Chapter or invite Chapter members to visit your organization.
- Coach or mentor students in a clinical setting.
- Learn more about improving the quality of care wherever you live and work.

Contributing to the IHI Open School

IHI welcomes funding and other support from a wide array of interested organizations and individuals. We will be delighted to discuss our future plans and identify opportunities to help the IHI Open School fulfill its bold mission. Please contact Jill Duncan at 617-301-4832 or jduncan@ihi.org for more information.

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