

Poster Fair Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is interprofessional education for collaborative practice?

Interprofessional education (IPE) occurs when students from **two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other** to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes. (World Health Organization, 2010)

Collaborative practice (CP) happens when **multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds provide comprehensive services by working with patients, their families, caregivers, and communities** to deliver the highest quality of care across healthcare settings. (World Health Organization, 2010)

For this Poster Fair, submissions must reflect **meaningful engagement of more than one profession** in the design, implementation, evaluation, or application of the work.

What counts as an interprofessional poster?

Eligible posters must demonstrate active **collaboration between two or more professions** in one or more of the following ways:

- Co-design or co-leadership across professions
- Shared teaching, learning, or training involving multiple professions
- Interprofessional clinical or practice-based collaboration
- Joint evaluation, research, or quality improvement work
- Outcomes that reflect team-based or cross-professional impact

Simply mentioning other professions or focusing on a single profession with external relevance **does not** meet the definition of interprofessional work.

What is NOT considered interprofessional?

To ensure clarity for reviewers, the following are generally considered **uniprofessional and are not eligible** unless a clear interprofessional component is demonstrated:

- Work conducted by a single profession without meaningful collaboration across professions
- Discipline-specific curricula or training developed and delivered by one profession alone
- Research or quality improvement projects involving only one profession
- Projects that discuss teamwork but do not include active participation from multiple professions

If your project primarily involves a single profession, it is unlikely to align with the intent of this Poster Fair.

I'm not sure if my project qualifies. What should I do?

If you are unsure, consider whether:

- At least **two professions were meaningfully** involved (not just consulted)
- Collaboration occurred across planning, implementation, or evaluation
- The project would not have been possible in the same way within a single profession

If you still have questions, we encourage you to review the Call for Posters or email info@ipecollaborative.org before submitting.

Who can submit a poster?

Submissions are welcome from:

- Interprofessional teams
- Educators and faculty
- Students, residents, and fellows
- Clinicians, health system colleagues, and cross-sectoral partners
- Researchers and evaluators
- Community and practice-based collaborators

Can students submit a poster?

Yes. Student-led posters are welcome **as long as they are interprofessional in nature**, meaning they include collaboration across at least two professions.

Does my poster need to include outcomes?

Outcomes are strongly encouraged but not required. Posters may focus on:

- Program development
- Implementation experiences
- Evaluation findings
- Lessons learned
- Innovative models or approaches

However, the work must still reflect **interprofessional collaboration**, not uniprofessional activity.

Can I submit work that is still in progress?

Yes. Early-stage or in-progress projects are welcome if they include:

- Active interprofessional collaboration
- A clear description of goals and methods
- Preliminary insights or planned evaluation

What makes a strong submission?

Strong submissions typically include presenters from **two or more different professions** and clearly demonstrate how they worked together throughout the project.

Effective posters:

- Clearly describe the roles of each profession involved
- Demonstrate meaningful collaboration (not parallel or siloed work)
- Include presenters from multiple professions actively engaged in the work
- Highlight what was learned from working across professions
- Show relevance to education, practice, and/or patient or population outcomes

Submissions should reflect **shared effort across professions**, not simply multiple perspectives presented side-by-side.

Will uniprofessional submissions be accepted?

Submissions that do not demonstrate interprofessional collaboration **will not be accepted for this showcase**. The Poster Fair is designed specifically to highlight interprofessional education and collaborative practice.