

We are now actively planning the 2018 University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain - Interfaculty Pain Curriculum (UTCSP-IPC) and would like to invite you to join us as a facilitator for the small group sessions. For those of you new to the IPC here is a short background:

**Background Information:**

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain (UTCSP), a collaborative partnership of the Faculties of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy, was established as a model of interprofessional collaboration to create and disseminate knowledge on pain and inform clinical excellence through interdisciplinary collaboration.

**What is the Interfaculty Pain Curriculum (IPC)?**

This IPC is a 20-hour pain curriculum, developed by the UTCSP Education Committee, in which students from 7 disciplines: Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Program and Occupational Therapy participate together in large multi-professional sessions and small, interprofessional case-based group sessions. The curriculum is based on the guidelines published by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) and is a core module of the University of Toronto Interprofessional Education (IPE) Curriculum. The IPC is designed to increase students' knowledge of the bio-psychosocial mechanisms, clinical complexity, social impact, and ethical issues pertinent to pain assessment and management.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: All facilitators involved in the UTCSP-IPC are required to have an appointment with the University of Toronto from one of the Faculties, Departments, or Programs that are part of the curriculum. If you do not have an appointment at the University of Toronto and wish to participate in the UTCSP-IPC, please let us know and we will pursue this with your respective Faculties.**

Your commitment as a facilitator will include:

1. Small group facilitation in a team on BOTH of the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**AND**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Facilitator debriefing and refreshments will take place on March 21, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Chestnut Residence (89 Chestnut Street).

The small group UTCSP-IPC sessions will take place at the Chestnut Residence (89 Chestnut Street) or one of a number of locations on the St. George Campus. Group and location assignments will be provided approximately 2 weeks before the UTCSP-IPC.

2. Attendance at ONE of the in-person facilitator training workshops (recommended) or online review:

**Monday, March 5, 2018, from 1pm to 4pm (Room 270, Health Sciences Building, 155 College St)**

**OR**

**Thursday, March 8, 2018, from 9am to 12pm (Room 270, Health Sciences Building, 155 College St)**

The facilitator training workshop is specifically designed to acquaint participants with the case-based approach that is employed during the two small group facilitated sessions of the UTCSP-IPC and to provide techniques for effective facilitation of interprofessional groups. The workshop also provides the opportunity for new and returning facilitators to work together.

We plan to record the March 8 workshop and to post it on the Blackboard. If you are unable to attend the in-person workshop, you are encouraged to watch the recording or the one-hour online review of the UTCSP-IPC small group sessions prior to the first student session, as we plan several updates to this year's curriculum.

The Facilitator Manual will be available prior to the UTCSP-IPC.

Additionally, you will be provided with full access to the University of Toronto library for one year starting one week before the IPC and, upon request, we will provide a certificate or a letter acknowledging your contribution to the IPC.

**We would like to thank you in advance for considering this request. Please respond no later than December 15, 2017 by completing an online registration form at the following web address:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/facilitators2018>**

If you have any questions, please contact Renata Musa, UTCSP-IPC Coordinator by e-mail at [renata.musa@utoronto.ca](mailto:renata.musa@utoronto.ca) or by phone at 416-946-8392.

Sincerely,



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