The end of the semester is near for the VPIL program. All VPIL students should have one more clinic day this week, December 4th before they go on winter break. The students will return to clinic in January.

Before the semester break,
- The VPIL 1 students should share their findings and recommendations from their home visit and collaborative plan of care with their preceptors or another appropriate provider.
- VPIL 1 students will begin the Spring semester with seminar on January 8th and will return to clinic on January 15th.
- The VPIL 2 students are in the midst of their Capstone improvement projects and should be in the process of solidifying their Aim statement.
- VPIL 2 students will begin the Spring semester back in clinic on January 8th.

Thank you for completing the mid-year student feedback evaluations. Formative, frequent, and consistent feedback is essential and a core component to the learning and development of our students. There will be another opportunity in the Spring semester to give formative feedback. This process will likely start in early-mid March.

COLLABORATING ACROSS BORDERS

Collaborating Across Boarders (CAB) is a Canada-United States joint conference focusing on interprofessional education (IPE) and practice (IPP) among healthcare professions. Held biennially, CAB serves as a venue where educators, clinicians, researchers, and policy makers engage in rich and productive dialogue regarding interprofessional education, practice, and research. This past October was the seventh conference series launched since 2007. VPIL had the privilege of presenting 10 different pieces of research and educationally relevant elements, two of which were student QI posters presented by our very own VPIL students.
We would like to recognize 2 VPIL student teams for presenting their work at CAB:

- The Pediatric Surgery Student Team from AY 2018-2019 whose QI project was “Quality improvement by an interprofessional student team: implementing texting protocol to improve patient communication in a pediatric surgery clinic,” presented by Annie Apple (medical student) and Vivian Truong (pharmacy student).
- The Outpatient Psychiatry Psychotic Disorders Student Team from the AY 2018-2019 whose QI project was, “Implementation of a Smoking Cessation Referral Process in a Behavioral Health Setting,” presented by Grant MacKinnon (medical student).

We would also like to recognize 2 of our VPIL students for receiving awards at CAB:

- Annie Apple (medical student) – won first place in a Collaborative Plan of Care Case Competition
- Brooke Hazen - won the 2019 AIHC Student Award for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice

If you would like more information regarding CAB and the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative, please follow this link: https://aihc-us.org/collaborating-across-borders

CME/CEU CREDIT

For many preceptors, precepting hours may count towards CME/CEU credit. The VPIL Office can provide you with a certified VPIL Preceptorship confirmation letter with approved hours for completed precepting hours in any given academic year. Please reach out to the VPIL Office at vpil@vanderbilt.edu for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**VPIL 1**
- December 4: Last day of clinic for the semester
- January 15: Students return to clinic

**VPIL 2**
- December 4: Last day of clinic for the semester
- January 8: Students return to clinic

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Is there something about the program you would like to know more about? Is there something that isn’t super clear or something you would like more direction on? Is there an aspect of interprofessional education you would like us to cover? Do you like the newsletter and want us to keep publishing it each month? Let us know!

*We would love to hear any and all suggestions you may have for us!*

Suggestions

**VPIL 1 Clinics**
1. Vanderbilt Walk-in Clinics - Cool Springs
2. Osher Center for Integrative Medicine
3. Pediatric Rheumatology
4. Center for Women’s Health Obstetric Drug Dependency Clinic
5. Pediatric Surgery
6. Interventional Radiology
7. Vanderbilt Family Medicine - Franklin
8. MNPS Employee & Family Healthcare Center
9. Addiction Psychiatry
10. Cardiac Surgery

**VPIL 2 Clinics**
1. Adolescent & Young Adult Health
2. Adult Emergency Department
3. Vanderbilt Comprehensive Care Clinic
4. Stem Cell Transplant
Visit the Preceptor Portal on our website! The portal includes an overview of the program, what the students are learning throughout their 2 years in the program, what to expect when being a preceptor, helpful hints on what to do during downtime, and much more!

Preceptor Portal