



VA Advanced Fellowship Program
Interprofessional Fellowship in Patient Safety
Patient Safety Fellowship (Nurse)
One-year full-time position



Who: Nurses or Nursing Faculty/Staff with a Master's or Doctoral degree & US citizenship

Where: Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center
5000 W. National Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53295

Start Date: July 1, 2022 **End Date:** June 30, 2023

Salary: Stipend (to be determined based on credentials). Includes benefits.

Application Deadline: January 31st; applications screened upon receipt.

Submit letter of interest and curriculum vita via email to:

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Purposes of the Interprofessional Fellowship in Patient Safety team training program are to:

- 1) Train an interprofessional team of patient safety champions in patient safety knowledge, attitudes, skills, and quality improvement techniques; and
- 2) Foster interaction among the trainees in clinical, learning, teaching and research domains.

The team is composed of a nurse (masters/doctorally prepared or doctoral student), pharmacist, physician, and/or a clinician or researcher in any healthcare discipline.

- Fellows participate in the VA National Center for Patient Safety's Fellowship course, the IHI online open school curriculum on patient safety and quality improvement, and select classes at the Medical College of Wisconsin (our academic affiliate), in addition to clinical practice, assigned readings, and projects in quality improvement, innovation, and/or research.
- Outcomes: one group project and an individual project.
- The team is expected to disseminate their patient safety knowledge and experience through educational activities at the Milwaukee VAMC and publications.
- Graduates are expected to assume leadership roles in patient safety.

More information is located at:

https://www.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/programs/SF_patient_safety.asp?p=12

Questions may be addressed to:

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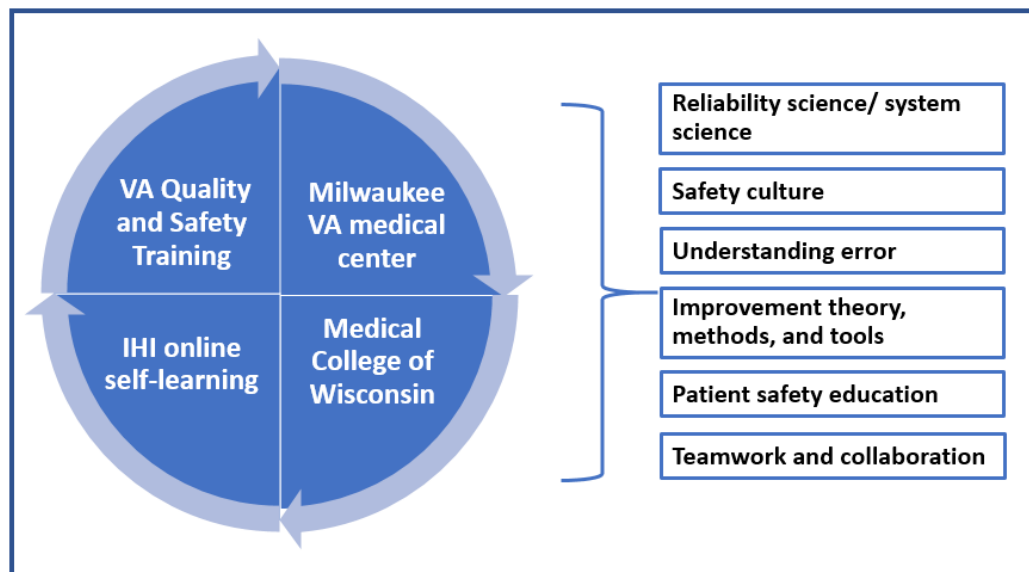


Interprofessional Fellowship in Patient Safety Overview



Interprofessional education can facilitate healthcare professionals' and researchers' understanding about each other's role in patient care and promote effective communication skills in complex healthcare systems (Interprofessional Education Collaborative Expert Panel, 2011; Institute of Medicine, 2003, 2015; World Health Organization, 2010).

To date, 24 nurse, pharmacist, and physician fellows have graduated and taken positions such as patient safety manager and performance improvement coordinator as well as leadership roles. New funding increased our Fellow positions and expanded the opportunity to all disciplines and professions. Patient safety training using an interprofessional framework leads to professionals who are competent in their ability to collaborate interprofessionally and foster improvements in patient safety. Educational sources and content areas are illustrated below.



The program is held at the Milwaukee VA medical center and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The medical center delivers primary, secondary, and tertiary care to Veterans with over 823,000 outpatient visits and 10,000 hospitalized patients annually. Treatment programs include substance abuse rehabilitation, psychiatric rehabilitation, post-traumatic stress disorder treatments, a spinal cord injury / disorder unit, and a women's health clinic, among many specialty areas.

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