



The focus of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) at Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (Baptist College) is interprofessional education (IPE). The title of the QEP is **PULSE** which represents **Professionals United in Life, Service, & Education**. Literature review confirms the value of teamwork, communication, and collaboration across professions as mechanisms to improve patient care. Such collaboration demands that the teaching and learning of health professionals bridge their disciplinary domains. PULSE is a concentrated effort to implement interprofessional education through learning communities at Baptist College.

Educational programs at Baptist College are specifically focused on healthcare education and include: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHS) with a major in Biomedical Sciences, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Care Management, Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, or Respiratory Care, and an Associate of Science (AS) in Pre-Health Studies. The College's 20-year history of offering healthcare education is well established. However, through a process of inquiry, research, and communication involving broad institutional representation, it became apparent that improvement could be made by providing learning activities in which students work collaboratively to plan and provide patient care as part of the educational process.

The implementation of PULSE will create an academic and institutional culture which values IPE and allows students to participate in IPE learning activities. A comprehensive assessment plan has been developed to evaluate the overall effectiveness of PULSE and the student learning outcomes which are:

- Distinguish the professional roles and responsibilities of Baptist College healthcare team members.
- Communicate effectively across the professions of the Baptist College healthcare team.
- Demonstrate effective interprofessional team dynamics and values as members of the Baptist College healthcare team.