

## Interdisciplinary Family Health

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#### Current Course

All first year students from Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and the Departments of Physical Therapy and Clinical and Health Psychology; and the Masters program in Nutrition from IFAS (417 students)

- 70 faculty
- Approximately 150 volunteer families from the Gainesville community

#### Structure

- Teams of three students are assigned a family to visit (nuclear, atypical, solitary, many geriatric, diverse socioeconomic: Oak Hammock/Eastside)
- Carry out 6 home visits over the course of the year; tasks on each visit (genogram, Family Health Survey, develop prevention prescription)
- They must arrange a meeting time with the family
- Debrief with two IP faculty: 12 students (4 families per group; 35 groups)

#### Grading

- Course is online (Blackboard) and grading is done by small group faculty.

- Course goals developed from competencies
- Medicine: stand-alone pass/fail course
- Pharmacy and Dentistry: graded course, part of a larger course
- Clinical and Health Psychology: required pass/fail
- Physical Therapy: part of required community service

### Challenges

- Immensely complex. Families move, may go on vacation, or be admitted to the hospital, and vary in their commitment.
- Students vary in their commitment.

This year we have had three deaths, two admissions to hospice, 5 hospital admissions. In general, around 10% of family/student dyads have significant problems.

### Evaluations

- These are post-course evaluations from 2004.
- Questions developed by staff.
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This year, we have developed a new evaluation form and will have pre and post data. Because of multiple colleges involved, we cannot use online evals.