



# Interprofessional Education & Collaboration: Fresno State's Position in a Global Initiative



The purpose of this interprofessional education (IPE) project is to demonstrate the importance of collaborative practice.

## Faculty and Students from 4 Professions and 2 Universities Work Together

- Kinesiology (Fresno State)
- School of Nursing (Fresno State)
- DPT (Physical Therapy) (Fresno State)
- Pharmacy (California Health Sciences University (CHSU))

Collaborate



Central Valley health care students from Fresno State and CHSU have been practicing together to provide improved quality preventative fall screening to senior communities throughout Fresno since 2011!

### SAFE Balance Screening

- IPE to 560+ seniors living in communities of Fresno and surrounding counties.
- An estimate of 96 seniors are screened annually for fall risks
- An estimate of 160 Healthcare students participate in S.A.F.E's collaborative practice every year
- In a pre-survey, 55% of the attending students agreed that learning with students from other health and social care professions is likely to improve the service for the patient, whereas in the post-survey, 71.43% agreed to that statement.



[www.safecvc.org](http://www.safecvc.org)



IPE allows students to identify the roles of various health professions and learn patient-centered practice. Decreasing 1 risk factor reduces falls by 11%!

### BENEFITS OF IPE

- Promotes team-based practice
- Builds relationships among professionals
- Better understanding of everyone's role in patient care
- Promotes clear and effective language
- Team shares common virtues in delivery of care
- Roles of health care workers complement one another

