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BACKGROUND

Interdisciplinary teamwork creates work-ready graduates, a stronger healthcare system and improved health outcomes. However, collaborating beyond the health disciplines is often overlooked.

METHODS

The University of Sydney has developed Industry and Community Project Units (ICPUs), which provide senior students from all Faculties the opportunity to collaborate on real-world problems for industry partners. Students are briefed by the industry partner on a complex problem and work together in diverse teams to present outcomes and solutions.

CASE STUDIES IN HEALTH

The Western Sydney Local Health District has been involved in the ICPUs, particularly with challenges facing the Westmead Redevelopment. Examples include the **impact of emerging technologies on healthcare delivery**, and **solutions to 'wayfinding'** at Westmead. Following a semester of research, project planning and interaction with industry partners, students delivered diverse perspectives and recommendations that could not have been otherwise achieved without interdisciplinary teamwork.

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ICPUs promote innovation, complex problem-solving abilities and working in diverse teams, for the benefit of healthcare.



Take a picture to find out more about the ICPUs

Interdisciplinary education: Industry and Community Projects in action

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The deliverables were strong examples of what could be achieved through interdisciplinary collaboration, and several recommendations were actually adopted by the Local Health District.



OLE Patient Experience and Better Healthcare Delivery

Activity #2

You have had the opportunity to reflect on your practice in the clinic, and to watch your mentors provide care for patients. Now, take some time to explore OLE's database. Choose a condition that you have encountered during your year from the list below, or visit the healthcare.org website for more conditions.

- Chronic pain
- Type 2 diabetes

Above: An online course created to educate on the importance of patient experience to healthcare delivery.
Below: Designs for a wayfinding application

