

INTERPROFESSIONAL ACADEMY OF EDUCATORS

A community created by educators for educators, the Interprofessional Academy of Educators (IAE) provides faculty, staff and students with the support they need to become effective teachers and educational scholars.

New Design Thinking Interest Group formed

In response to the national demand to use human-centered thinking to solve healthcare-related problems, the IAE decided to form a 10th interest group focused on advancing Design Thinking strategies and solutions across campus.

One of the first projects the Design Thinking Interest Group undertook was the **Design Thinking Boot Camp**, held in October 2020. The boot camp included 34 faculty, staff and postdocs from UNMC, Nebraska Medicine, UNO and Clarkson College.

The group also formed an **external advisory board** of Design Thinking experts from Stanford University, GE Healthcare and Thomas Jefferson University.

New educational research journal launched

The IAE realized many small but engaging research pilot projects were not getting the attention of large academic journals because of a small sample size or single study location. Recognizing the value these projects provided, the IAE created the **Innovations in Health Sciences Education Journal (IHSEJ)**, which will launch in late 2021.

This open-access, peer-reviewed journal highlights emerging research and pilot studies in the field of medical and health professions education. The purpose is to provide a forum for pilot studies and developing work, particularly from graduate students and early-career scholars, in order to make it accessible to potential funders and other researchers who might be interested in collaborating on larger-scale studies.

Digital induction earned high praise as 39 new members joined the IAE

The 2020 induction ceremony was re-imagined because of COVID-19 concerns. Though completely virtual, the new format allowed attendees to hear from each of the 39 new inductees as they were welcomed into the Academy.

Induction was praised by deans and other attendees for successfully connecting new members to the IAE community in a very personable, engaging way, despite the virtual format.



Teaching Launchpad redesigned

The Teaching Launchpad course is designed for all UNMC health sciences faculty and staff who are new to teaching or assuming a new teaching role. Instead of day-long training sessions, attendees will now watch a brief 10-minute video ahead of time and then spend one hour in a deeper dive, in-person discussion in the following topics:

- » Writing learning objectives
- » Developing a syllabus
- » Engaging lectures
- » Universal design for learning
- » Assessment and evaluation
- » Educational scholarship

New research workshops held

In fall 2020, the IAE held two online workshops related to educational research. The first, *Maximizing Your Impact: Developing a Visual Abstract to Disseminate Your Research*, drew individuals from inside and outside the IAE. The second, *Educational Research Designs*, drew another 58 individuals across colleges. Based on overwhelming interest for additional information, a new research series was launched in 2021.

During one-hour interactive Zoom workshops, IAE experts shared tips and strategies on how to design better surveys, mixed methods research design, and qualitative data gathering and analysis. Three workshops were held with a total of 96 individuals registered.