

The Willamette University Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School



What is IHI?

IHI is an international organization with numerous chapters at universities in the United States and around the globe. The main purpose of the organization is to **improve healthcare and health outcomes in people** worldwide.

For more information about the IHI International Organization you can visit this site:

<http://www.ihl.org/education/ihlopenschool/Pages/default.aspx>

Our Mission

Our Willamette chapter will share the overall goals of IHI, but will also be a forum for students to **interact, collaborate, and build a strong pre-health community** at Willamette. We will strive to **advance and uphold leadership, service, and lifelong learning** in Willamette students who aspire to be part of the next generation of health professionals.

Goals for 2015-2016

- Develop and participate in **outreach projects** to improve healthcare in the Salem community
- Send out biweekly **newsletters** that include current events in the healthcare field such as medical research breakthroughs, changes in our country's health policies, and general issues surrounding quality improvement
- Attend lectures given by **guest speakers** who represent various health professions
- Watch exciting **medical documentaries** such as Escape Fire, The Raising of America, and Unnatural Causes
- Provide the opportunity for Willamette students to **shadow IHI members** who are studying to become physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, dentists, paramedics, public health professionals, etc. at PSU or OHSU.
- **Attend the yearly West Coast IHI Open School Conference** in Portland representing Willamette's IHI Chapter
- Complete **free online courses** offered by IHI in Patient Safety, Family Centered Care, Leadership in Healthcare, and Graduate Medical Education.

How to Join

- Every Willamette student interested in learning about healthcare is welcome to join IHI. There is no membership fee but **students must meet the following criteria to be considered a member:**
 - Attendance of at least 1 IHI meeting/month (Biweekly meetings will be offered)
 - Attendance of at least 2 IHI events/semester (At least 5 events will be offered/semester)
- **When to sign up:**
 - Pre-health information session: August 25th
 - IHI specific information session: Date TBA
 - Fall Activities and Resources Expo: September 3rd, 4:30-6:30PM

Fast Facts About our Healthcare System

- Preventable medical errors are the **third leading cause of death** in the US - up to 400,000 people are killed each year.
Hospitalsafetyscore.org
- **30% of all US healthcare costs** each year is wasted (unnecessary labs, frauds, etc).
Forbes.com
- A 2014 study comparing the healthcare systems of 11 industrialized nations **ranked the US as last or near last** on dimensions of access, efficiency, and equity.
Commonwealthfund.org

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