Community Outreach Project

ECBP-12-16 Increase the inclusion of core clinical prevention and population health content in health professions education. Students may choose to focus on: HC/HIT- 1: Improving the health literacy of a population; ECBP 2: Educational and Community-Based Programs in School Health Education; IVP-11: Injury and Violence Prevention - Reduce Unintentional Injury Deaths; NWS-10: Nutrition and Weight Status- Obesity and Children and Adolescents.

The Oregon Health & Science University Physician Assistant Program has incorporated a series of lectures and discussions in the didactic curriculum that provide students with an introduction to the promotion of healthy behavior and the reduction of health risk. The culmination is the development of the Community Outreach Project (COP) master’s degree proposal that is carried out as a capstone project during the clinical year. By identifying and engaging a target audience and developing and implementing an educational presentation on a health topic, the program hopes to instill a commitment to community service and health promotion among our graduates. Ultimately, the goal is that when these students graduate they will continue to incorporate these skills in their clinical practices and promote wellness within their communities.