

Members of ASCO's [Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice \(IPECP\) Committee](#), chaired by Dr. Jennifer Coyle, continue to work hard in support of the Association's IPECP Strategic Objective, which recognizes the importance of educating Doctor of Optometry students in multidisciplinary environments and preparing them to be part of collaborative healthcare teams.

Committee members presenting at the Chief Academic Officers meeting in June were met with interest and enthusiasm as they shared plans for ASCO's IPECP Summit to be held Feb. 5-6, 2016 at Marshall B. Ketchum University in Fullerton, Calif. The summit will bring together representatives from ASCO member optometry schools and colleges, non-optometry health professions institutions and affiliated organizations to identify and share best practices in IPE and Interprofessional Practice (IPP) and to share current practices and ideas regarding the assessment of the impact of IPE and IPP on student learning and patient outcomes.

This summer, in preparation for the summit, the committee will conduct a follow-up to the 2013 ASCO IPE survey to obtain complete information regarding the current state of IPE at ASCO member institutions. The information collected will be a valuable resource as the summit agenda continues to be developed and refined.

Illustrating the importance of this topic, the most recent edition of ASCO's journal, [Optometric Education](#), is devoted to interprofessional education and contains a number of peer-reviewed articles examining IPE initiatives and outcomes assessment involving optometry.