LOKAHI: UH Manoa Nursing, Medicine and UH Hilo Pharmacy students train together at JABSOM

How can doctors, nursing professionals and pharmacists work together to improve patient safety? It begins with communication—talking and learning side-by-side.

For the past two years, the University of Hawaii Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) and the UH Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene have brought their first-year students together each Spring, to listen to each other’s perspectives and learn how to work better as a team in health care settings.

This year, 25 students from the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy joined in the daylong session April 19 in the Medical Education Building Auditorium at the JABSOM Kaka`ako Campus. They gathered with about 50 nursing students and 60 first-year MD students, as faculty of all three schools led discussions about ways to improve patient safety.

“The trend in health care is toward interdisciplinary training, with an emphasis on improving patient safety in health care settings,” said Dr. Roy Magnusson, JABSOM Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. “Our partners in health
care education throughout the UH System are excited to be on the forefront of implementing curriculums which advance those goals.”

After the collaborative session, one of our MD students enthusiastically tweeted, “An exciting day here with the UH School of Nursing and UH Hilo College of pharmacy! What are you hoping to do for #PatientSafety?”

Mahalo to UH Hilo pharmacy student Amanda Wendel for our photograph of the visitors from Hilo! Our other featured photo shows some of our first-year MD students, hard at work on their iPads, which became mandatory for all new MD learners at JABSOM this academic year.

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