

# EIGHT CORE TOPIC AREAS

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## **INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

Supports a coordinated, patient-centered model of health care that involves an understanding of the contributions of multiple health professionals.

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## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION**

Promotes the development of integrated primary and behavioral health services to better address the needs of individuals with mental health and substance abuse conditions.

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## **SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

Includes five key areas (determinants) of economic stability, education, social and community context, health and health care, neighborhoods, and built environments, and their impact on health.

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## **CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

Seeks to improve individual health and build health communities by training healthcare providers to recognize and address the unique culture, language, and health literacy of diverse consumers and communities.

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## **PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION**

Aims to support quality improvement and patient-centered care through goal-setting, leadership, facilitation, workflow advancements, measuring outcomes, and adapting organizational tools and processes to support team-based models of care delivery.

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## **CURRENT & EMERGING HEALTH ISSUES**

Supports an understanding of and appropriate response to issues that affect specific geographic or demographic populations, such as COVID-19, opioid abuse, and adverse and geographically relevant health issues.

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## **THE ROLE OF PARAPROFESSIONALS IN PRIMARY CARE**

Aims to increase training and development of CHWs and paraprofessionals to be the connectors who are able to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health professionals and the community to facilitate access to service and improve health equity, community/population health, and social determinants of health.

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## **VIRTUAL LEARNING & TELEHEALTH**

Seeks to improve virtual learning and telehealth curricula and community-based experiential training. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced all health care systems, hospitals, and clinics to rapidly implement telehealth services, simulation-based technology, and virtual trainings to continue delivering patient care.