Dedicated to the pursuit of health equity, UI Health comprises the seven University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) health sciences colleges, the UI Cancer Center, and a health care delivery enterprise including the Hospital and Clinics and the Mile Square Health Center network.
College of Nursing

1. Assessing Muslim/Islamic Cultural Competency in Healthcare Workers in a FQHC

Program: Perform a baseline cultural competency assessment of healthcare workers and supervisors at the Cook County Health’s interprofessional emergency rooms served by a community health center. Partners: Family Christian Health Center. Contact: Denise Buckworth, dbuckw1@uic.edu

2. Assessing the Health Needs of a Southeast Asian Immigrant Community

Program: Conduct health needs assessment with a Muslim community within the Chicago area to identify primary healthcare needs that reflect health practices and religious preferences. Partners: Family Christian Health Center. Contact: Denise Buckworth, dbuckw1@uic.edu

3. Brain Aneurysm Walk

Program: UI Health Department of Neurosurgery. Attendings, Residents, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Neurointerventional Team, and Chicagoland community Aneurysm survivors and their supporters gather annually to walk in solidarity for aneurysm awareness in collaboration with the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. Program: Brain Aneurysm Foundation. Contact: Robert Gottschall, gottschall@uc.edu

4. Center on Halsted

Program: Increase access to HIV PEP, particularly among gay and bisexual cisgender men and transgender women, through an on-site clinic. Nurse practitioner and medical assistant offer professional services. Partners: Family Christian Health Center. Program: HIV treatment and HIV PEP. Partners: Center on Halsted, Mile Square Health Center. Contact: Robin Nisi. nisis1@uic.edu

5. Chicago Public Schools School Health Access Collaborative

Program: Health Services Campaign and the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHMC) launched the School Health Access Collaborative (SHAC) in December 2016 to support increased access to school health services for Chicago’s most vulnerable students. Partners: Illinois Ministry of Health and Human Services, Illinois State Board of Education, health education advocacy organizations, school board stakeholders, health providers, health payers, CPS and local foundations. Contact: Martha Bergens. bergens@uic.edu

6. Community Advisory Panel-Mile Square Humboldt Park

Program: Exchange information, resources, and ideas to improve the community. Partners: Chicago Public Libraries (two branches near Mile Square-Humboldt Park), Bickerlee, Casa Central, Children’s Place Association, Iglesias de Dios North Central. Contact: Kelly Vose. kvose@uic.edu

7. Cooking Matters

Program: Provide long-term education for families on the information and skills needed to cook healthy, affordable meals at home at a community health clinic. Partners: Cooking Matters, Family Christian Health Center. Contact: Denise Buckworth, dbuckw1@uic.edu

8. COVID-19 Evaluation Clinic, Pilson

Program: Though COVID-19 pandemic, operate a clinic specifically for patients (adults and adolescents) with COVID-19 symptoms who need medical evaluation and testing to determine if they are safe to self-isolate at home or if they need emergency care. Partners: Alderman Byron Sigio. Lopez, Mental Health and Research, joeherzon@uic.edu

9. EngageELL: Enhancing of Geriatric Care for All

Program: Foster campus-community collaboration partnerships to meet the needs of older adults through health fairs, screenings, and medication reviews. Partners: 69 Senior Centers and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly. Contact: Michael Koroszewski, koro@uic.edu

10. Health Education at Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Program: Improve health practices of juvenile-involved youth through health literacy education programming. Nurses and nursing students provide information on topics of interest to youth, including mental health, sexual health, and relationships, etc. Partners: Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. Contact: Jennifer Urechti. juechti@uic.edu

11. Health Education at Cook County Jail

Program: Increase knowledge and self-efficacy of those incarcerated at Cook County Jail through education programming. Partners: Cook County Department of Animal Control, Community Support Advisory Councils, Restore Justice, Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation. Contact: Geraldine Garman, gorman@uic.edu

12. Healthspan Clinic at Altus Academy

Program: Improve the health of students and families of Altus Academy (a non-profit, tuition-free public college preparatory school) in order to access primary care health services (wellness counseling, telehealth services for pediactric primary care, and primary care expansion). Partners: Altus Academy, UIC College of Applied Health Sciences. Contact: Susan Walsh, swalsh@uic.edu

13. Heartland Health Center

Program: Improve the well-being of the communities served by Heartland Health Alliance (HHA), a FQHC with 17 branch locations including 6 school-based health centers, through accessible, high-quality healthcare. As a medical home, HHA ensures comprehensive, affordable, quality, safe, and coordinated healthcare that is culturally competent and oriented to addressing holistic patient needs. Partners: Triology, Alternatives, Heartland Alliance. Contact: Elizabeth Tarlet, etarlet@uic.edu

14. HIV Risk Needs Assessment

Program: Use HIV Risk Assessment Survey to identify high-risk behaviors for HIV among the African American community on the west side of Chicago (Humboldt Park, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, North Lawndale, and Austin). Once behaviors have been identified, design and implement an evidence-based intervention. Partners: Daley Library Branch-Humboldt Park, Mile Square-Humboldt Park. Contact: Karen Cotler. kcotler@uic.edu

15. Identifying Barriers to a Self-Measured Blood Pressure Program

Program: Identify barriers that the Self-Measured Blood Pressure Program has created for community members to address uncontrolled hypertension at the FQHC. Partners: Family Christian Health Center. Contact: Denise Buckworth, dbuckw1@uic.edu

16. Lawndale AMACHI Mentoring Program

Program: Offer academic and social mentoring for children who have incarcerated parents. During the winter season, provide holiday gifts and warm clothing for 50-85 children. Contact: Barbara McFarlin. bmcfarlin@uic.edu

17. Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force! Equal Hope

Program: Save women’s lives by addressing women’s health holistically. Eliminate inequities in prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship in breast and cervical cancer for all women. This mission is accomplished through organizing and advocating, education, and screening navigation. Contact: Carol Ferrans, cferrans@uic.edu

18. Mile Square Health Center-Humboldt Park

Program: Provide holistic, quality health services in the midst of an underserved, urban community. Services include a full range of adult and pediatric primary care services and specialized services like medication-assisted treatment (MAT), infectious disease prevention (PIT), and behavioral healthcare services. Partners: UI Hospital and Clinics. Contact: Chasone Franklin, cfranklin@uic.edu

19. Narcan Training for Healthcare Staff in Under-resourced Communities

Program: Increase knowledge about the opioid crisis, narcan administration, and local resources for prescriing narcan through training at Oak Street Health Clinics in under-served communities. Partners: Oak Street Health Center. Contact: Janey Kettler, jkettler@uic.edu

20. Patient-Centered Medicine (PCM) Scholars Program, Service Learning Program (SLP) & Interprofessional Approaches to Health Disparities (IAHD)

Program: Prepare future health professionals to address health disparities across a range of issues and vulnerable populations including: domestic violence, geiatrics, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, immigrant and refugee health, and incarcerated populations. Partners: Connections for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC), Project Vista, EdgellAlliance/AIDS Care Progressive Services, Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Catholic Shelter ( Isaac Reeves), Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly. Contact: Pilar Carnena, pcarnena@uic.edu

21. PPE Distribution

Program: Provide PPE to healthcare employees at a long-term care facility and first responders at the UIUC Police department during the COVID-19 crisis when PPE was difficult to obtain. Partners: Clark Lindsey Village, UIUC Police Department. Contact: Peggy White, pwhite@uic.edu

22. Primary Care Expansion for People Who Inject Drugs

Program: Reduce harmful consequences of substance use and RP measurements to increase harm reduction among primary care services. Services delivered include prevention and treatment for injection-related skin and soft tissue infections, medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, mental health assessment, use counseling, management of chronic conditions, prevention and treatment for communicable diseases, and coordinated referrals for specialist care or inpatient treatment at UI Hospital. Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), UIC School of Public Health, UI Jane Addams College of Social Work. UIC College of Medicine. Contact: Michael Hoyek, mshoye@uic.edu

23. Safer Foundation

Program: Holistically address the complex needs of individuals with criminal records through nurse-led primary care and on-site provision of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for those with substance use disorders. Partners: UI Health, Crossroad Adult Transition Center, North Lawndale Adult Transition Center, Mile Square-Humboldt Park. Contact: Virginia Reising, vreising@uic.edu

24. St. James Food Pantry

Program: Support the capacity of the St. James Food Pantry to improve the wellness of their clients. Partners: St. James Food Pantry. Contact: Rebecca Sigrer, rmsigler@uic.edu

25. Sustaining Accurate Blood Pressure Measurements in a Community Health Center

Program: Improve and sustain adherence with correctly performed BP measurements by medical assistants in a community health clinic. Identify barriers that the Self-Measured Blood Pressure Program has created for community members to address uncontrolled hypertension at the FQHC. Partners: Family Christian Health Center. Contact: Denise Buckworth, dbuckw1@uic.edu

26. UI Community Outreach Intervention Projects

Program: Address HIV/STD infection, substance use, and other health disparities in marginalized populations using the community health model. Partners: UI Center for Dissemination and Implementation Science, Jane Addams College of Social Work. Contact: Antonia Jimenez, azj@uic.edu

27. UI Open House

Program: Provide students and families visiting UI an opportunity to speak with selected campus representatives, take tours, and attend family sessions on the information and skills needed to cook healthy, affordable meals at home at a community health clinic. Partners: Cooking Matters, Family Christian Health Center. Contact: Denise Buckworth, dbuckw1@uic.edu

28. UI Health Volunteer Services

Program: Build meaningful connections, caring relationships, and positive engagement between volunteers, patients and families. Promote the importance of a positive and engaged patient experience. Partners: Sustaining Accurate Blood Pressure Measurements Program, Service Learning Program (SLP) & Interprofessional Approaches to Health Disparities (IAHD) and medication reviews. Partners: 69 Senior Centers and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly. Contact: Michael Koroszewski, koro@uic.edu

29. Winnebago County Health Department

Program: Provide primary care services (i.e., counseling, screenings, and testing) through a nurse practitioner in a rural community. Contact: Robin Nisi, nisis1@uic.edu

The poster and dashboard enclosed summarize College of Nursing efforts underway to address the three community 2018 UI-CAN priority areas identified through the SCIP process. Programs included were submitted to the SCIP as of November 2020. You may access the 2019 UI-CAN Report at uican.uichealthcare.com. Community Priority Areas include: Improving access to care, community resources, and system improvements. Primary and secondary prevention of chronic disease. Indications Interprofessional Program.
ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY PRIORITY AREAS

Over the past three Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) cycles, UI Health primary service area constituents have expressed consistent priorities. The venn diagram below captures how College of Nursing programs map to the community priority areas.

1. Addressing social and structural determinants of health
   - including unemployment, education, income, tobacco use, poverty, transportation, food security, housing, and violence.

2. Improving access to care, community resources, and system improvements
   - including having a primary care physician, access to care, and health insurance.

3. Primary and secondary prevention of chronic disease
   - including heart disease, lung disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer.

BENCHMARKING TO THE UI HEALTH PORTFOLIO

The bar chart below plots the College of Nursing programs across the seven program type check boxes in the SCIP. The “other” programs include school health delivery, health literacy education, service learning, promoting entrepreneurship, behavior change supports, and capacity building.

STEWARDING A NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS

Programs take shape and drive impact in the communities served by UI Health through an ecosystem of partnerships. Below we capture the different types of partners supporting and sustaining the program efforts.