

Mini-Conference: Health Professions Education in the 21st Century

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Call for Papers

There has been a recent resurgence of interest in the sociology of health professions education. From changes to the MCAT to cultural competency, there is a renewed focus on this classic area of sociology, using a range of exciting new theories and diverse methodologies. This mini-conference considers questions relevant to training, socialization, and education in the health professions in the 21st century.

We are soliciting submissions for the 2019 Mini Conference on the Sociology of Health Professions Education to take place at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 14-17, in Boston, MA.

We welcome submission on a range of health professions, including but not limited to:

- pre-medical, undergraduate, and post-graduate education in medicine
- nursing, nursing assistantship, and advanced practice nursing
- physical and occupational therapy
- Pharmacy
- careworkers, medical assistants and technicians

Topics may include:

- Diversity and discrimination
- Status maintenance and hierarchies
- Cultural and structural competency
- Professional and emotional socialization or identity formation
- Specialty choices
- New technologies in education, such as simulation
- Mentorship and pipeline processes
- Teaching and learning empathy
- Knowledge acquisition and uncertainty
- Standardized testing and licensing procedures

Our hope is to use this mini-conference to build on the growing momentum of interest, and bring together a wide range of scholars at different career stages and institution types (i.e., those in traditional sociology departments and those working in health professions schools).

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Those wishing to present papers in this mini-conference should submit an abstract of no longer than 250 words by October 30, 2018 through the ESS submission portal at <https://www.meetingsavvy.org/ess>. Proposals not accepted for the mini-conference will be submitted to the ESS general call for submissions.

To submit to this mini-conference, select "Mini Conference Presentation" in the "Submission type" drop-down menu. Supply your title and abstract. After hitting "Next", select the name of the mini-conference from the keyword drop-down menu.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the organizers: Laura Hirshfield (lhirshf@uic.edu), Tania Jenkins (tania.jenkins@temple.edu) or Kelly Underman (kelly.underman@drexel.edu).