Innovating During Times of Change: NP Students Prepare for Telepractice

NP students are utilizing cutting-edge online objective structured clinical examinations to prepare for a future where telepractice is the norm, not the exception. Watch the video. It is the third segment of the IHP's video series that focuses on efforts to adapt and thrive during the pandemic.

On the Front Lines of Efficient COVID-19 Patient Evaluations

Shelby Freed, MSN ’11, used her experiences during the coronavirus pandemic to develop a more efficient way to evaluate and test COVID-19 patients at Oregon Health & Science University Hospital.

BSN Cohort Excels on NCLEX Exam

Despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19, the April 2020 graduating class of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program achieved a 98.6% first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Article Warns Pandemic Could Widen Gender Gap in Higher Ed

Tiffany Hogan, director of the SAiL Lab, is co-author of A Call to Action: Supporting Women Faculty in the Time of COVID-19 and Beyond. The article, published in Medium, warns that remote working could exacerbate existing inequalities that favor men in academe, including receiving tenure, grants awarded, and leadership positions.

Big Buddies Program Launched

The Office of Student and Alumni Services partnered with students to set up the Big Buddies program, consisting of live Zoom sessions for engaging activities for children of a variety of ages. Becca Langdon, DPT ’21, made slime with participants on July 15, Stefanie Johnston, OTD ’22, and Jodie Chickvara, OTD ’22, led a yoga, movement, and mindfulness session on July 17, and Madison Horner, DPT ’21, baked oatmeal cookies with participants on July 22.

Bellack Library Spelling Bee Held

Six students competed virtually in the first-ever Janis P. Bellack Library Spelling Bee, held July 9. The contestants were Alyx Vogle, GC ’21; Megan Urbano, SLP ’21; Emmaline Brown, science prerequisite student; Emma Snyder, GC ’22; Meghan Berry, PT ’22; and Hargun Khanna, PT ’22, who was crowned 2020 IHP Champion Speller after successfully spelling the winning word.
Faculty News

Mary Beth Kadlec, an assistant professor of OT, has received an excellence in teaching award from the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry residents at UMass Medical School. She is the program director of the UMass Memorial Health Care’s Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Clinic. The residents said she helped them better understand how to evaluate the whole child by also considering how the child’s sensory processing, physical capacity, and cognitive abilities contribute to their emotional and behavioral challenges.

Rania Karim, an assistant professor of PT, was selected to serve on APTA staff work group to review and revise the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice. The guide, which was developed using expert consensus to identify common features of patient/client management for selected patient/client diagnostic groups, is used by physical therapist and physical therapist assistant educators, students, and clinicians.

Teresa Kimberley, director of the Brain Recovery Lab and a professor of physical therapy, was asked to be a mentor for the NIH-sponsored Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research; she is a former mentee in the program. She also was asked to serve on the NIH K-award review panel for NIH NINDS.

Janice Palaganas, associate director of the Health Professions Education programs, is the lead author of a new textbook. Mastering Simulation, a Handbook for Success focuses on using and embedding healthcare simulation to guide students and practitioners in developing clinical competencies while providing a solid foundation for improving patient outcomes. It is Dr. Palaganas’s third textbook.

Prue Plummer, a professor of PT, was invited to participate in the NINDS/NICHD Common Data Elements Working Group for the Rehabilitation CDE project as a member of the Motor Function Subgroup.

Elise Townsend, assistant professor of CSD, served as a panelist for the Harvard Medical School Biomedical Science Careers program webinar, “Getting into Health Professions School,” that targeted underrepresented high school and college students interested in the health sciences.

Lauryn Zipse, co-director of the Cognitive research Group and an associate professor of CSD, is interviewed in the ASHA Leader on ways to support learning for people with memory difficulties related to a traumatic brain injury.

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### August 12: Fall MBTA Discounted Student Pass Sign-Up Deadline

The Fall 2020 MBTA Student Discounted Pass sign-up period is now open.

Checks or money orders made payable to MGH IHP must be delivered to the Office of Student and Alumni Services in Building 39 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12. Late forms and payments cannot be accepted.

Passes will function from September 1 through December 31. Contact Jessica Upton with any questions.

### Virtual Library Support

The Janis P. Bellack Library and Study Commons may be closed, but librarians are still available to provide you with research and assignment support. Send us your questions or book an online research consultation.

### Calendar

8/14: Virtual Team Trivia Night, 7:00 p.m.
8/27: ABSN Pinning, 7:00 p.m.
8/30: Commencement Ceremony, 2:00 p.m.

View more events on the Institute's [Master Calendar](#).

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