

# NEWSLETTER

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

### UW CME Achieves Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Education!

We are excited to announce that the University of Washington School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education Office (UW CME) has been awarded *Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™* by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

#### What This Means:

With this recognition, UW CME is now authorized to jointly accredit and offer continuing education for the healthcare team, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other professionals — all through a single, unified process.

*“Healthcare is a team sport. This accreditation reinforces our commitment to interprofessional education that supports collaborative, team-based care and improves patient outcomes.”*

— Jessica Minick, Executive Director

#### Key Benefits:

- Simplified credit process for multiple professions
- More interprofessional activities designed to support team-based learning and collaboration
- Expanded reach to nurses, pharmacists, PAs, social workers, psychologists, and other healthcare professionals

- Greater alignment with national standards for improving patient care through continuing education

### **What's Next:**

As we roll out this exciting transition:

- Interprofessional continuing education (IPCE) credit will be offered across select conferences, workshops, series, and on-demand programs.
- Planning processes will include a broader range of healthcare team members alongside physicians.
- Faculty, planners, and partners will receive updated tools and support to co-design education that reflects real-world teamwork in healthcare.

### **Learn More or Get Involved:**

For details or to explore how your program can offer interprofessional credit, contact us at: [cme@uw.edu](mailto:cme@uw.edu)

Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this milestone — and to the healthcare professionals who continue to learn, grow, and lead as teams. We will be sharing additional tools, templates, training, documents, processes and all the things in the coming months!

Warmest regards,

**Jessica Minick**

Executive Director, Continuing Medical Education

University of Washington School of Medicine

## **WELCOME TO THE TEAM, STEPHEN OSWALD!**



We're excited to welcome Stephen Oswald as our new IPCE Accreditation and Conference Specialist. Stephen brings more than six years of experience in medical education, with a strong background in curriculum design, program management, and accreditation compliance. Most recently at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, he supported faculty and residents, coordinated complex multi-departmental educational programs, and ensured alignment with accreditation standards.

Stephen's expertise in accreditation processes, educational technology, and event coordination will be a tremendous asset as we continue to expand high-quality interprofessional continuing education and support Joint Accreditation across UW Medicine. We're thrilled to have him on board—please join us in welcoming Stephen to the UW CME team!

## CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT



### Diabetes Update for Primary Care 2026

Prepare for 2026 with the *Diabetes Update for Primary Care* conference — a comprehensive in-person, two-day educational experience designed to support clinicians caring for people with diabetes. This program offers cutting-edge, evidence-based updates on diabetes classification, guideline changes, pharmacologic therapies, insulin strategies, cardiometabolic risk management, and interprofessional team care.

**February 26–27, 2026 |University of Washington, Tower Auditorium, Seattle, WA**

**Registration:** [Click here to register](#)

## YEAR END CREDIT HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past year, UW CME has experienced a substantial increase in utilization, reflecting growing engagement with accredited education across the healthcare team.

From 2024 to 2025, total credits awarded increased from 20,454 to 27,586, representing an approximate 35% year-over-year growth. This increase was accompanied by:

- Growth in active users (6,650 → 7,178)
- Increased logins (5,242 → 7,005), indicating more frequent platform engagement
- Higher attendance capture via SMS (13,222 → 18,329)
- Continued high levels of compliance activity, including disclosures and COI review

Together, these trends demonstrate not only higher participation, but deeper and more sustained engagement with UW CME activities over time.

This growth reflects expanded program offerings, improved access to education, and increasing demand for high-quality, team-based continuing education—positioning UW CME well to support interprofessional learning under Joint Accreditation.

## 5 QUICK TIPS TO GET STARTED WITH ACCREDITATION IN 2026



### 1. Start Early

Loop in UW CME at the beginning of planning to confirm eligibility and avoid rework.



### 2. Design for the Care Team

Think beyond a single profession - interprofessional planning can expand credit options and impact.



### 3. Define the Practice Gap

Be clear about the problem your education addresses and why it matters in practice.



### 4. Co-Plan When Possible

Partner with educators from other professions to strengthen learning design and meet Joint Accreditation expectations.



### 5. Use UW CME Tools & Support

New templates, training sessions, and resources are coming soon to support programs as they transition.

Questions? Contact [cme@uw.edu](mailto:cme@uw.edu)

## JANUARY CE RESOLUTIONS FOR ACCREDITED EDUCATION

This year, we resolve to...



**Learn with purpose** — choosing accredited education that's evidence-based, unbiased, and designed to improve patient care.



**Learn together** — engaging in interprofessional education that brings healthcare teams together across disciplines.



**Make learning count** — earning credit that truly reflects meaningful participation (and fits into busy schedules).



**Stay curious** — exploring new clinical updates, emerging technologies, and practice-changing insights.



**Turn learning into action** — applying what we learn to improve outcomes for patients, families, and communities.

## UPCOMING CE COURSES

### 11th Annual Men's Health Update 2026

**January 30-31, 2026**

*UW Tower (In-Person)*



### **LAST MONTH TO REGISTER!**

The 11th Annual Men's Health Update is a two-day, in-person CME event that equips healthcare professionals with the latest evidence-based advances in diagnosing and treating key urologic and men's health conditions. Expert faculty will cover topics such as prostate cancer, testosterone deficiency, urinary dysfunction, sexual health, infertility, and genital pain, with interactive Q&A panels after each session. The course is designed to help clinicians stay current and deliver state-of-the-art care.

**Registration:** [Click here to register](#)

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reproductive & Gynecology Health Updates

**March 26-27, 2026**

**Hybrid: UW South Lake Union Campus OR Zoom Webinar**

### **REGISTRATION OPEN!**

This conference is an annual update for health care providers who provide care to women+ on relevant topics. The topics are selected from suggestions from previous course attendees, areas with substantial change, and controversial subjects where medical opinions may differ. The purpose is to provide a clinical update for providers who care for these patients in an outpatient setting. The format is a series of short lectures followed by question-and-answer sessions.

**Registration:** [Click here to register](#)



**Explore Our Offerings:** [Visit our CME portal](#)

**Save the Dates:**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Cardiology Pearls for Primary Care**

*April 24, 2026*

Virtual via Zoom Webinar, Seattle, WA

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seattle Sudden Cardiac Death Symposium**

*May 30, 2026*

University of Washington South Lake Union Campus, Seattle, WA (In-Person)

**Emergency Radiology 2026**

*August 2-4, 2026*

University of Washington South Lake Union Campus, Seattle, WA (In-Person)

**54<sup>th</sup> Annual Advances in Family Medicine and Primary Care**

*September 14-18, 2026*

Husky Union Building OR Zoom Webinar, Seattle, WA (Hybrid)

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Comprehensive Hematology & Oncology Review Course**

*October 12-16, 2026*

Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Seattle, WA (In-Person)

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