

Five Things You Can Do This Week

- Read about schools that require the Basic Certificate
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More Schools Require IHI Open School Basic Certificate



In March, Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) became the first medical school in the United States to require its students to earn the IHI Open School Basic Certificate of Completion before graduation.

Now, two other health professions schools--University at Buffalo School of Nursing, and Texas A&M College of Medicine--will start requiring the Certificate within the next calendar year. A third school, Loma Linda University in California, has been requiring fourth-year medical students to complete 14 of the IHI Open School courses since July of 2011.

[Learn more about how your school can integrate the Certificate.](#)

Vanderbilt Chapter Spotlight



The Vanderbilt University Chapter recently created a new elective course for medical, nursing, law, education, and business students called *Fundamentals of Quality Improvement in Health Care: An Interdisciplinary Elective*. The course, which was developed by students and consists of lectures and case-based learning experiences, was designed to challenge students to think in an interdisciplinary manner when problem solving for quality improvement.

The IHI Open School asked the Vanderbilt Chapter Leaders to provide some tips on how to create an elective on quality improvement.

[Learn more here.](#)

TED Talk: How Do We Heal Medicine?



Our medical systems are broken. Doctors are capable of extraordinary (and expensive) treatments, but they are losing their core focus: actually treating people. Doctor and writer Atul Gawande suggests we take a step back and look at new ways to do medicine--with fewer cowboys and more pit crews.

[Watch here.](#)

WIHI: Testing, Testing! Is This Procedure Necessary?



Of all the sources of excessive health care spending, none may be higher on the list than the habit of ordering lots of expensive tests and procedures. This appetite for the best of what high-tech medicine can offer--whether warranted or not--is a big factor behind estimates that up to a third of health care spending in the US is wasteful and unnecessary.

[Learn more on this week's WIHI on Thursday at 2PM EST.](#)

Community Updates

Welcome, New Chapters

International

- McMaster University, Canada
- University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Abia State University, Uturu, and Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria
- University of the Immaculate Conception, Philippines

Last Chance! Apply to the 2012 Student Leadership Academy

Dr. Don Berwick will emcee the 3rd Annual IHI Open School Student Quality Leadership Academy, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on July 19-20, in Cambridge, MA. The Academy is a two-day program for students and residents designed to build the leadership competencies within all health professions.

The application deadline is Friday! [Apply here.](#)

Chapter Tip of the Week

Looking for a good discussion with your Chapter? Read Dr. Paul Batalden's case study, [Knowing Is Not Enough](#), from our School Resources section.

Complete the 2012 Progress Report

We urge all IHI Open School Chapters to complete the 2012 Chapter Progress Report. We want to learn about what your Chapters have been doing, and what support you need from the IHI Open School team. We've shortened the Report since last year--it should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

The deadline is June 1. [Complete your Chapter's here.](#)