

The IHI Open School is an online learning community where you can take free courses, earn a certificate, network with peers and experts, and gain confidence and skills in quality and safety to change health care.

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## Spreading Quality Improvement Around South Dakota

In the fall of 2011, IHI Open School Chapter Leaders in South Dakota successfully integrated a few IHI Open School online courses into a multidisciplinary anatomy course within the University of South Dakota (USD) Sanford School of Medicine as a pilot project. From there, the Chapter Leaders worked with the USD Health Sciences program, making the IHI Open School Basic Certificate of Completion -- 16 online courses in quality improvement and patient safety -- a requirement for all majors. [to every corner of the state](#). Before long, the idea spread to several other schools and organizations. Now, aided by a Dean's Forum, they're looking to expand the education



## Apply for a Scholarship to Attend the 2013 International Forum



Join more than 2,000 health care professionals for an exciting mix of learning sessions and networking events at the [International Forum on Quality & Safety in Healthcare](#), co-sponsored by IHI and the BMJ Publishing Group, from April 16-19 in London. Open to all, the International Forum will benefit both beginners and those experienced in quality improvement.

The IHI Open School has partnered with BMJ to design events for students and junior doctors to help make the Forum a more valuable experience. A limited number of [scholarships](#) are available for full-time students and faculty to attend for the three main event days. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **March 8**.

## Blog Roundup: QI Projects and MOOCs



Colleen McCormick, a fourth-year medical student from Wright State University in Ohio, is using the IHI Open School Quality Improvement Practicum to conduct her first improvement project. Every Wednesday, for the next two months, Colleen will write a blog post about her progress as a student trying to make a change in the health care system. [Check out her second post here](#).

IHI Open School Managing Editor Michael Briddon explores the growing world of online education and MOOCs -- massive open online courses. [Read what he has to say about his experiences](#) with MOOCs, online education, and working on the IHI Open School online courses.

## Community Updates

### Welcome, New Chapters



#### United States

CSU- Dominguez Hills, **California**  
Midwestern University, Arizona College of Osteopathic  
Medicine, **Arizona**

#### International

HealthYotta, **Egypt**  
Cardiff Metropolitan University, **Wales**

## PSU/OHSU Chapter Creates New Recruitment Materials

The Portland State University/Oregon Health and Science University Chapter created a useful set of materials -- including a [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [brochures](#) - that your Chapter can use as a template for introductory presentations. The PowerPoint gives background on the IHI Open School mission, courses, resources, and Chapter network. Their brochure effectively includes the most important information about the Chapter and the IHI Open School.

