Collegiate presence: an innovation in understanding interdisciplinary collaboration

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Abstract
Interdisciplinary collaboration is a cornerstone of healthcare service delivery across the globe. This presentation reports on an ethnographic study that examined the interdisciplinary relationships between emergency department (ED) triage nurses and mental health triage nurses who collaborate to deliver care to clients presenting with a mental illness.

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Background – Collegiate presence

• PhD thesis – aimed to examine the factors that influence the relationship between ED and mental health triage nurses

• Process
• Practice Environment
• Roles and Scope of Practice
• Collegiate Presence
Collegiate presence – Central theme

Diagram showing the central theme of collegiate presence with interconnected components:
- Process
- Culture
- Practice Environment
- Roles & Scope of Practice

The components are interconnected, indicating a holistic approach to collegiate presence.
Methodology

• Ethnographic methodology – Focused

• 8 weeks in the field

• Range of findings

- Collegiate Presence
Colligate Presence

- **Collegiality** - Ayo & Frazer 2008
- **Occupational Presence** - Reid 2008
- **Cultural Intelligence** - Early & Ang 2003
- **Mindfulness** - Holton-Deutsh & Holton 2003

Ayo, L & Fraser, C 2008, 'The four constructs of collegiality', *International Journal of Evidence Based Coaching and Mentoring*, vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 57-66.
• …collegial relationships are defined as the professional interactions which arise from on-going communication between two or more individuals who share the same workplace, or work interests.
• Occupational presence as a felt experience that occurs as a result of workplace engagement. It varies in its intensity, from low presence to high presence and can be experienced during both positive and negative experiences.
• Cultural intelligence is a trait that people working in multicultural environments must possess for effective relations and operational problem solving to occur in multicultural environments.
Mindfulness - Holton-Deutsh & Holton 2003

• State of openness to information and points of view, increasing control to change the surrounding context with the goal of being aware of one’s own mental processes, recognising bias and judgements while acting with principles and compassion.
Collegiate presence – Central theme

- Process
- Culture
- Roles & Scope of Practice
- Practice Environment

Cultural components interrelated.
Thank you ...Any questions?

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