

World Café* Questions and Process

The World Café process is an interactive format that facilitates vigorous and productive discussion that can promote networking and solution building. Participants sit in groups of eight or less at tables. Each table is given a question to discuss for 15 – 20 minutes. Attendees then rotate to a *new* table for another 15-20 minute discussion of a different question, and so on. The rotations ensure that interactions between and among workshop attendees are both broad and deep, and that everyone who participates will be able to address several important issues and to meet and connect with many of their colleagues.

Based on input from our stakeholders, for the September 28th summit, we have formulated four central questions for us all to tackle during the hour and a half allotted to the World Café. We look forward to dynamic conversations and creative solutions from our collaborations.

Table Questions for September 28th:

1. What are the barriers (financial, cultural, educational and other) that block persons from underrepresented groups (URG's) from seeking education and/or professional careers in the allied health care professions?
2. What are the most effective strategies/solutions/initiatives at local levels that increase URG recruitment into and retention in health care academic programs?
 - 2.1 Prioritize in terms of immediacy and importance and ability to implement
3. What are strategies/solutions/ initiatives at system-wide or state-wide levels that can increase URG recruitment into and retention in health care academic programs?
 - 3.1 Prioritize in terms of immediacy and importance and ability to implement
4. What are strategies/solutions/ initiatives at high school or earlier levels that can increase the URG recruitment into and retention in health care academic programs?
 - 4.1 Prioritize in terms of immediacy and importance and ability to implement

* More information concerning the World Café process may be found at <http://www.theworldcafe.com>