

## **NUCATS Design Studios Consultation**

Community-academic partnerships do their best work when they have the right support to turn a good idea into a sustainable initiative. That's where Design Studios comes in.

**NUCATS Design Studios** is a consultation service for established community-academic partnerships working to implement a health-related service or program. Partners receive expert guidance from faculty at the Center for Community Health (CCH) and the Center for Dissemination and Implementation Science (CDIS) to strengthen the delivery of health innovations. Through a multi-session, co-design process our team works with you to build an implementation plan tailored to your partnership's specific needs.

The consultation service is offered by the Design Studio Team:

- **Ida Salusky, PhD** and **Esther Tharakaturi** (Center for Community Health)
- **Sarah Helseth, PhD** and **Zabin Patel, PhD** (Center for Dissemination & Implementation Science)

### **How to Request a Design Studio**

- **Submit:** Submit a request through the CCH/CDIS Screener, a short form describing your partnership and project.
- **Review:** The Design Studios team reviews your request to confirm it's the right fit for your partnership.
- **Move Forward:** If it's a good fit, we send an intake survey to both partners; once both are complete, we schedule your first Design Studio meeting.

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### **Who It's For**

Design Studios are intended for established Northwestern faculty–community partnerships that are planning to implement or are actively implementing a service or program and would like hands-on, expert support.

### **Our Services Include**

- **Live Design Studios sessions:** Multi-session consultations, typically over 6 months, where our team collaborates with yours to develop tailored solutions to implementation challenges
- **Deliverables:** Each session will generate a tailored Action Plan to help your partnership improve implementation of your service or program
- **Ongoing Support:** Follow-up sessions help to troubleshoot implementation as your project moves forward

*Note: The NUCATS Design Studios Consult Service does not provide single-session consultations, grant support letters, financial/grant-proposal guidance, grant review, IRB support, IT support, or help finding community partners. For these requests, please contact the appropriate [CCH/CDIS](#) consult services.*

### **Contact Us**

If you need assistance or want to learn more about Design Studios before requesting a consultation, please email us at [design-studios@northwestern.edu](mailto:design-studios@northwestern.edu)