Welcome from the new Chairperson — Dr Bronwyn Davidson

As new chairperson of the SHRS Clinical Education Committee I am pleased to welcome you to this edition of the Clinical Education Bulletin. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in 2007 in the provision of clinical education for our emerging professionals. Thank you for your feedback to date on this newsletter and the initiatives of this committee. As always we would love to hear your thoughts. Email to b.davidson@uq.edu.au

Clinical Education Committee (CEC) and Divisional Contacts

The Clinical Education Committee (CEC) comprises representatives from the four divisions within this School.

This committee meets on a regular basis to address issues of importance in clinical education and to proactively seek solutions. It is a sub committee of the School’s Teaching and Learning Committee.

Contact details of the discipline representatives to this committee are listed below.

Speech Pathologists are asked to contact Anne Hill on ae.hill@shrs.uq.edu.au

Occupational Therapists are asked to contact Cate Fitzgerald on c.fitzgerald@shrs.uq.edu.au or Wendy Davila on w.davila@shrs.uq.edu.au

Physiotherapists and others are asked to contact Ruth Dunwoodie on r.dunwoodie@shrs.uq.edu.au or Andrea Patane on a.patane@shrs.uq.edu.au

Audiologists are asked to contact Wayne Wilson on w.wilson@shrs.uq.edu.au

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Spotlight on UQ Clinics
(each issue of Clinical Educator News will highlight the services of a UQ SHRS clinic)

1. UQ Phonological Awareness for Literacy (UQPAL) clinic

Phonological Awareness for Literacy (PAL) Programme

The UQ Phonological Awareness for Literacy (PAL) Programme aims to develop a student’s phonological awareness/processing, to ensure that students know the different letter combinations that represent sounds (e.g. ai, ay, a+e) and to encourage students to use effective strategies for reading and spelling at the single word level. The University of Queensland Speech Pathology Clinic conducts regular PAL clinics in an intensive holiday program format (clinic usually runs for 4 hours each day over a week). Children receive 20 hours of therapy delivered by Speech Pathology students under the supervision of a Speech Pathologist. This is undertaken as approximately half group and half individual sessions. Progress through the programme varies according to age and skill level. Further therapy may be required after this intensive block to build on these foundation skills. A comprehensive assessment of the student’s language and literacy skills is conducted prior to the program to ensure that that PAL is appropriate for specific literacy needs.

Please contact the University of Queensland’s Speech Pathology Clinic on 3365 2077 if you would like more information.

2. SHRS Clinic weblinks.

To support the clinical education of our students, the internal clinics of SHRS provide a diverse range of placement opportunities. Within these clinics, the students provide intervention for clients who are self-referred or referred by family or professional agencies. These clinics are staffed by academic staff and UQ-employed casual clinical educators. For further information on UQ SHRS clinics, please visit the weblinks below:

**Audiology Clinics**
http://www.shrs.uq.edu.au/audiology/clinics_and_services/clinics_and_services.html

**Occupational Therapy Clinics**
http://www.shrs.uq.edu.au/ot/clinics_and_services/clinics_and_services.html

**Physiotherapy Clinics**
http://www.shrs.uq.edu.au/physio/clinics_and_services/clinics_and_services.html

**Speech Pathology Clinics**
http://www.shrs.uq.edu.au/speech/clinics_and_services/clinics_and_services.html
Second UQ Work Service Clinic Opens at Ipswich Campus

The UQ Work Service Clinic launched a second clinic on 1st May at the Boiler House Community Involvement Centre on the Ipswich campus. The opening was organized and managed by occupational therapy students and Kerry Adam, Manager of the UQ Work Service, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. They presented unique occupational health and injury management consultancy programs to representatives of local industry. Invited guests represented food and other manufacturing and service sectors. A current client provided words of support for the Work Service.

The services provided include Office Ergonomics Assessment, Risk Management and Control Investigations and Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Programs. Work Service improvements now include important program collaboration with UQ Sport Ipswich and hosting a nutrition Science student on placement. The Ipswich venture is an extension of the original Work Service Clinic developed at St Lucia in 2003. It represents a welcome increase in clinical placements for occupational therapy students both undergraduate and post graduate. The clinic can be contacted on 07 3365 3012 or email Kerry Adam k.adam@uq.edu.au.
Clinical Educator Rewards and Recognition

Information on the Clinical Educator Reward and Recognition Program is available in a booklet from your divisional representative. This booklet is also available as a pdf document on-line at www.shrs.uq.edu.au/shrs/resources/clineduprog.pdf. One aspect of this support is the Academic Title Scheme. Those clinical educators wishing to apply under this scheme can obtain information on line at www.shrs.uq.edu.au/shrs/about_shrs/academic_titles.html or contact one of the divisional representatives.

Upcoming Workshops.

In 2007 we have continued to offer a series of inter-professional clinical educator workshops. We have one remaining workshop on offer for 2007. Details of this are below.

2007 workshop dates

DATE: Mon 17th Sept (Discipline specific workshop Tues 18th Sept)
VENUE: The University of Queensland
TIME: 8.30am - 4.00pm
LOCATION: TBA
COST: FREE
CATERING: Morning Tea & Lunch Provided
RSVP: Monday 6th Aug 2007

RSVP: Jill Paxton on j.paxton@shrs.uq.edu.au providing the following information:
♦ name
♦ postal address for pre-reading package
♦ phone contact
♦ profession or discipline area

Development of Videoconference format for Clinical Educator Workshops

It is commonplace for students of SHRS to be placed in regional and remote areas around Queensland. Clinical educators from these areas have expressed their desire to attend clinical educator training however access to this training is not always easy. In response to these reported needs the CEC has attained funding from SHRS to employ a project officer to develop resources to support the training of educators via videoconference. This format would enable equitable access for clinical educators outside of SE Qld Corner to benefit from the education and training available from SHRS. We will update you as to the progress of this project in a later bulletin.

Your Thoughts

We are constantly seeking evaluation data from the participants who attend our workshops. We would also value feedback on training needs from those who are unable to attend our face-to-face workshops. Please contact your divisional representative if you would like to offer us your training needs and training delivery preferences.