Coordinated Interprofessional Curriculum Renewal for eHealth Capability in Clinical Health Professional Degrees

Welcome

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter for this project. These newsletters are circulated among members of the reference group and other interested parties. For more information, please contact

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Summary of the Project

This Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) funded project aims to encourage and support program coordinators and directors of Australian undergraduate and postgraduate health profession degrees to include ehealth (or 'clinical informatics') curriculum where it is not yet in place. Degrees include all allied health, nursing and medical professions.

The project will take a coordinated national approach. Between now and December 2012 we will be working with academics across Australia to investigate, to workshop and to disseminate a variety of options for curriculum renewal for ehealth capability in clinical health professional degrees. The project will also draw on international perspectives on ehealth education given that many of our graduates are employed internationally. Curriculum will be addressed in the broad sense of themes and topics, learning and teaching methods, assessment and accreditation processes.

Project Website Launched

The project website was launched on the 3rd of June, 2011.

http://clinicalinformaticseducation.pbworks.com/

In this site, you will be able to find information on the workshops, project resources and surveys. Information on the members of the reference group is also provided. This site will be regularly updated with news on the progress of the project.

Reference group members are encouraged to promote this site to colleagues.

Surveys

The project received ethics approval on the 12th of May 2011. The project team will soon be launching the first of three surveys. The online survey will be sent to program coordinators and directors of health degree programs in academic institutions.

The aim of survey 1 is to get a snapshot of present practices in ehealth education in health profession degrees. The aim of survey 2 is to identify interprofessional opportunities and challenges in clinical informatics education. The aim of survey 3 is to evaluate the impact of project activities and assess further resources required to drive curriculum renewal.

Are you aware of similar surveys that have been conducted? Please let us know so that we can reference these in the project.

Workshops

The project team will be hosting workshops across Australia. Reference group members are encouraged to attend the workshops and provide feedback on the workshop program. A draft of the program can be found at http://clinicalinformaticseducation.pbworks.com/Workshops

The dates of the workshops are provided below. Further information will be provided soon.

Venue	Date
Perth, Curtin University	Friday, October 21st, 2011
Brisbane, University of Queensland	Monday,November 7th, 2011
Sydney, University of Western Sydney	Friday, February 10th, 2012
Melbourne, University of Melbourne	Friday, February 24th, 2012

Meet the Project Team!

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