

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

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Welcome to the sixth quarterly newsletter for this project.

Inventory of eHealth Resources

Over the past few months, we have collected and organised 100 resources that can be used as a starting point to teach and assess ehealth in health profession degrees. The list of resources is not exhaustive, and contains Australian as well as international references that are relevant to Australian educators.



Please feel free to circulate this widely and adapt it for your own use.



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Project Evaluator

As part of the requirements of the funding body (Office of Learning and Teaching, Department of Employment, Education and Work Relations), we have engaged a project evaluator to conduct an independent evaluation of the project activities, Dr. Juanita Fernando (<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/dir/Juanita/Fernando>).

As the project evaluator, she will review the project resources, survey and/or interview stakeholders in the project and provide feedback to the project team and the OLT.

Juanita will be in contact with you via email. We request that you participate in the survey and interview as this feedback will be very valuable for future planning.

Health Informatics Conference (HIC 2012)

The Health Informatics Conference that ran between the 30th of July and 2nd of August was a great opportunity to disseminate information on the project. The research fellow, Dr. Ambica Dattakumar was part of the academic education leaders panel session and also presented a paper entitled 'We are not Educating the Future Clinical Health Professional Workforce Adequately for eHealth Competence: Findings of an Australian Study'. The feedback and comments received were positive. There is certainly an understanding of the importance of ehealth education within health profession degrees in health informatics circles.

Please refer to the project website for the link to the conference paper.

A copy of the presentation slides can be found at <https://hisa.site-ym.com/page/hic2012slides/>.

HIMAA Abstract Accepted

Our team member, Kerryn Butler-Henderson, will be presenting a paper entitled "And the Top 10 are... The top eHealth Competencies Taught in Australia Health Professionals Curriculum, at the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA) 2012 National conference (*abstract on project website*). The conference will be held between the 29th and 31st of October, in the Gold Coast, QLD, at the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa.

For more information on the conference, please visit <http://hima2.org.au/conference/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ambica Dattakumar or view our project website <http://clinicalinformaticseducation.pbworks.com>

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Job Description Analysis

We are now undertaking another piece of work that focuses on Australian health profession job descriptions and whether or not they include any requirements for ehealth competencies. By conducting this review, we hope to learn how eHealth competencies are described. We invite you to provide us with good examples of health profession job descriptions that include ehealth competencies. Please email these to Ambica.

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) Focus Group Sessions

Health Workforce Australia will be holding a series of focus groups to validate the content of the National Common Health Competency Resource (the Resource) ahead of its release for wider consultation. The focus groups will also identify a range of potential applications for the Resource, and develop written examples of these applications to guide others in its adoption and use.

If you want to ensure that ehealth competence is included, then we urge you to attend The Education and Training session in Melbourne on 25th of October, 2012, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Cliftons Conference Venue, Level 1, 440 Collins St.

The focus group will include participants who are education and training providers, curriculum advisors and developers and education policy officers. You are requested to bring along learning outcome statements, qualification content and linkages and any other tools you consider relevant.