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Department of Occupational Therapy

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2015-2016

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Message from the Chair

The Department of Occupational Therapy is proud to share our 2015-2016 Annual Report. In November 2015, the Department hosted a visit by the Onsite Team of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) Academic Accreditation Program. The University of Alberta's Occupational Therapy program received the full seven-year accreditation from November 2015 to 2022. The University of Alberta is the first academic institution to receive accreditation for an occupational therapy program with a satellite location. Our satellite campus is now located in a newly renovated space shared with the University of Alberta's Physical Therapy satellite program.

Our new Vision and Mission statements will guide the Department's program next phase:

Vision: To be global leaders in the advancement of occupational therapy.

Mission: The development of leaders in occupational therapy theory and practice through excellence in research, education and citizenship.

We believe that these Vision and Mission statements align with the University of Alberta's new Institutional Strategic Plan, *For the Public Good*. Our occupational therapy program endeavours to enable students, faculty and staff to build, experience, excel, engage, and sustain meaningful contributions for the public good.

Our program is sustained by a healthy balance of assistant, associate and full professors, as well as exceptional sessional instructors and staff. This year we welcome two new faculty members, Christine Guptill and Priscilla Ferrazi, to our Department. A new occupational therapy assistant, Ashling Teslak, has also recently joined our Calgary satellite program.

A highlight for us was the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) national conference held in Banff, Alberta. As the only provincial academic program in the province, our faculty members and students were engaged in the planning and hosting of the conference which broke records. To date, this conference received the highest number of abstract submissions and attendees. Faculty members and sessional staff at both Edmonton and Calgary locations served key roles including Scientific Program Committee Chair (Forhan), Conference Co-Convenors (Mulholland and Hinrichs) and Volunteer Coordinator (Froese). Social events included an alumni reunion at Earl's in Banff hosted by the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

We continue to benefit from the generous support of our stakeholders, including occupational therapy practitioners, adjunct appointments, donors and volunteers. With your contributions, we are able to develop leaders in occupational therapy who can, in turn, make contributions for the public good. On behalf of the Department of Occupational Therapy, I thank each of you for helping make our 2015-2016 a year to celebrate.

Lili Liu, Chair

Vision and Mission



Department Personnel

Academic Staff (Edmonton)	Appointment	Credentials
Brémault-Phillips, Suzette	Assistant Professor	PhD, MA, BMR, BSc
Brintnell, Sharon	Professor	MSc, BOT, PDipPT and OT
Brown, Cary	Professor	PhD, MA, BMR
Chen, Chu-Ping	Assistant Professor	PhD, MA, BSc
Esmail, Shaniff	Associate Chair & Professor	PhD, MScOT, BScOT, BA
Forhan, Mary	Assistant Professor	PhD, MSc, BScOT
Guptill, Christine	Assistant Professor	PhD, MScOT, BSc, BMus
Hodgetts, Sandra	Assistant Professor	PhD, MScOT, BKin

Leung, Ada	Assistant Professor	PhD, BScOT
Liu, Lili	Chair & Professor	PhD, MSc, BScOT
McConnell, David	Professor	PhD, MSc, BScOT, BAppScOT
Misiaszek, John	Professor	PhD, BSc
Phelan, Shanon	Assistant Professor	PhD, MScOT
Roduta Roberts, Mary	Assistant Professor	PhD, BScOT
Taylor, Elizabeth	Associate Dean & Associate Professor	PhD, MEd, BScOT
Clinical Education		
Schmitz, Corilie	Assistant Professor, Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education	MEd, BScOT
Derdall, Michele	Coordinator (Saskatchewan)	MAOT, BScOT
Kolber, Loraine	Coordinator (Independent Clinical Placements)	BScOT
Hinrichs, Jutta	Coordinator (Calgary & Southern Alberta)	BScOT
Sessional Instructors (Full-time)		
Werther, Karin	Edmonton	MSc, BScOT
Mulholland, Susan	Calgary Liaison (Calgary)	MSc, BScOT
Sessional Instructors (Part-time)		
Azad Khaneghah, Peyman	Edmonton	PhD (Candidate), MSc, BScOT
Coutts, Kimberly	Calgary	MSc, BScOT, BSc
Froese, Deb	Calgary	BScOT
Hulzenga, Joanna	Edmonton	MEd, BScOT
Moon, Michele	Calgary	MSc, BScOT
Park, Elly	Edmonton	PhD, MScOT
Rajan, Safieh	Calgary	BScOT

Adjunct Academic Appointments

Assistant Adjunct Professor	
Berg, Shannon, PhD	Executive Director, Primary Health Care, Addiction and Mental Health, Health Services Division, Alberta Health
Churchill, Katie	Seniors Practice Lead in Research & Role Optimization for Alberta Health Services
Friesen, Steve, MEdes	Quality Practice Leader, Bethany Care Society, Calgary
Froese, Debra, BScOT	Professional Private Practice OT, Calgary
Freund-Heritage, Rosalie, MSc	Education Coordinator, Finding Balance Coordinator, Injury Prevention Centre, University of Alberta
King, Sharla, PhD	Director, Professor, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Psychology, U of A
Klein, Jennifer, PhD	Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, Edmonton
Miller, Linda, PhD	Ergo Works Inc., Edmonton
Rajan, Safieh, BScOT	Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre, Community Accessible Rehabilitation, Calgary
Tam, Kathy, BA, MSA, CHE	Chief Executive Director, Wing Kei Care Centre, Calgary

Tilley, Wendy, BScOT	Rehabilitation Services, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton
Wickman, Ron, BA, MArch	Principal, Ron Wickman Architecture
Williams, Patricia, BScOT	Professional Private Practice OT, Calgary
Associate Adjunct Professor	
Lederer, Robert, MA	Assistant Professor, Art and Design, Industrial Design, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
Ohyanagi, Toshio, PhD	Sapporo Medical University
Shankar, Janki, PhD	Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, Edmonton
Adjunct Professor	
Miguel-Cruz, Antonio, PhD	Professor and Chair, Biomedical Engineering Program at Medicine School and Health Sciences at Universidad del Rosario
Nikolaidis, Ioanis, PhD	Professor, Computing Science, University of Alberta
Stroulia, Eleni, PhD	Professor, Computing Science, University of Alberta

Administrative & Support Staff

Name	Role
MacRitchie, Dawn, PhD	Administrative Professional Officer
Green, Michelle	Clinical Education Administrator
Bennet, Jessica	Graduate Student Advisor and Admissions Administrator
Barss, Dalyce	Executive Assistant to the Chair, Associate Chair and Administrative Professional Officer
Cho, Susana & Jessica Bennet	Administrative Assistant
Finnigan, Candice	Occupational Therapy Assistant (Edmonton)
Couldwell, Lisa	Occupational Therapy Assistant (Calgary)
Rishaug, Jamie	Administrative Coordinator (Calgary)

Faculty Awards & Honours

Esmail, Shaniff – contributed two chapters to a book that received the Patrick O’Neill Award Citation 2016 (Editors: Jan Selman and Jane Heather. *Theatre, Teens, Sex Ed: Are We There Yet*. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 2015)

Forhan, Mary - Team research space in discovery mall of the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy, by: Health Sciences Council, University of Alberta

Forhan, Mary - Fellow of the Obesity Society

Forhan, Mary - Award winning poster presentation – Ottawa Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

Phelan, Shanon - Dr. Phelan was the invited Visiting Scholar at Centre for Ambulatory Care Education (CACE), Women’s College Hospital and Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto on June 21, 2016. For this prestigious honour, she gave a presentation titled, “Rethinking Rehabilitation in Health Professions Teaching”.

Liu, Lili – Nominated for GSA Graduate Student Supervisor Award January 2016

Student Awards & Scholarships

Total Awards for MScOT (Course-based) Students: \$108,362.50

Name of Award or Scholarship	Value
Oil Service Charitable Organization Graduate Scholarship	\$2,400
E. William Kuder Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Rehabilitation Medicine	\$1,700 each
Karen Kennedy Scholarship in Occupational Therapy	\$4,800
May and John Lockhart Career Enhancement Graduate Award in Occupational Therapy	\$1,000
Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities Scholarship	\$1,100
Gail Gilewich Memorial Graduate Scholarship	\$1,600
University of Alberta Centenary Graduate Award	\$5,000
Indigenous Graduate Award	\$15,000 each
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Travel Award	\$6,062.50
Leadership and Innovation Award in Geriatric Care	\$1,000
Lisa Lynn Leinweber Memorial Graduate Scholarship	\$1,600
Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship	\$5,400

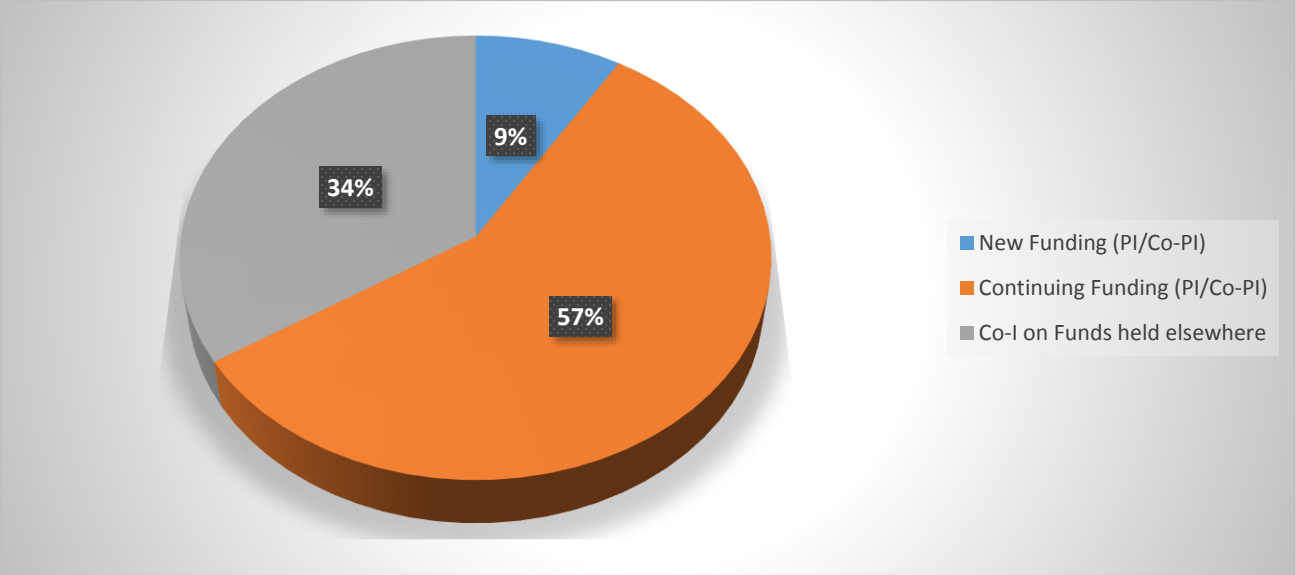
*Included awards from November 2015 – June 2016. Last years report included awards up until August 2015.

Research Funding

Total Research Funding (2015-16):

NOTE: The following outlines grants for which our staff members are the Principle Investigator (PI), or Co-Principle Investigator (Co-PI) or Co-Investigator (Co-I). The total represents the amount applicable for 2015-16 only.

Category	Amount
New Funding (PI/Co-PI)	\$ 840,158
Continuing Funding (PI/Co-PI)	\$ 1,383,913
Co-I on Funds held elsewhere	\$ 825,676
Total:	\$ 3,049,747



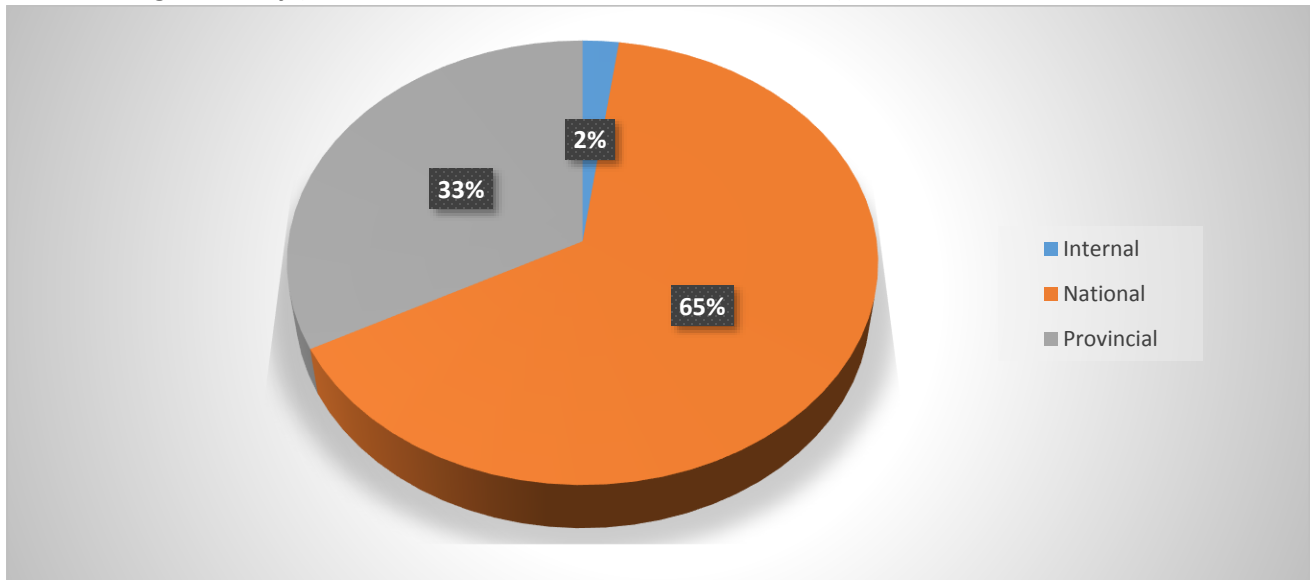
New Research

New Funding Summary (With Department member as PI or Co-PI)

Note: The Values represent the total amount awarded over the life span of the grant.

Funder	Value
University Hospital Foundation	\$ 198,700
SSHRC	\$ 181,477
CIHR & NSERC	\$ 158,875
Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services - Developmental Services	\$ 153,098
SSHRC Insight Development Grant	\$ 62,132
AGE-WELL (Strategic Investment Program)	\$ 45,000
Alberta Labour, Occupational Health and Safety Innovation and Engagement Grants Program (OHS I&E Grants Program)	\$ 15,000
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine Internal Grant, University of Alberta	\$ 8,000
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine Internal Research Grant Competition	\$ 7,990
Northwest Central Alberta Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Services Network	\$ 4,000
University Of Alberta Rehabilitation Medicine conference grant	\$ 2,333
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine	\$ 2,333
University of Alberta - Teaching & Learning Enhancement Fund - Professional Development	\$ 1,220
Total:	\$ 840,158

New Funding Summary (divided as National, Provincial, and Internal)



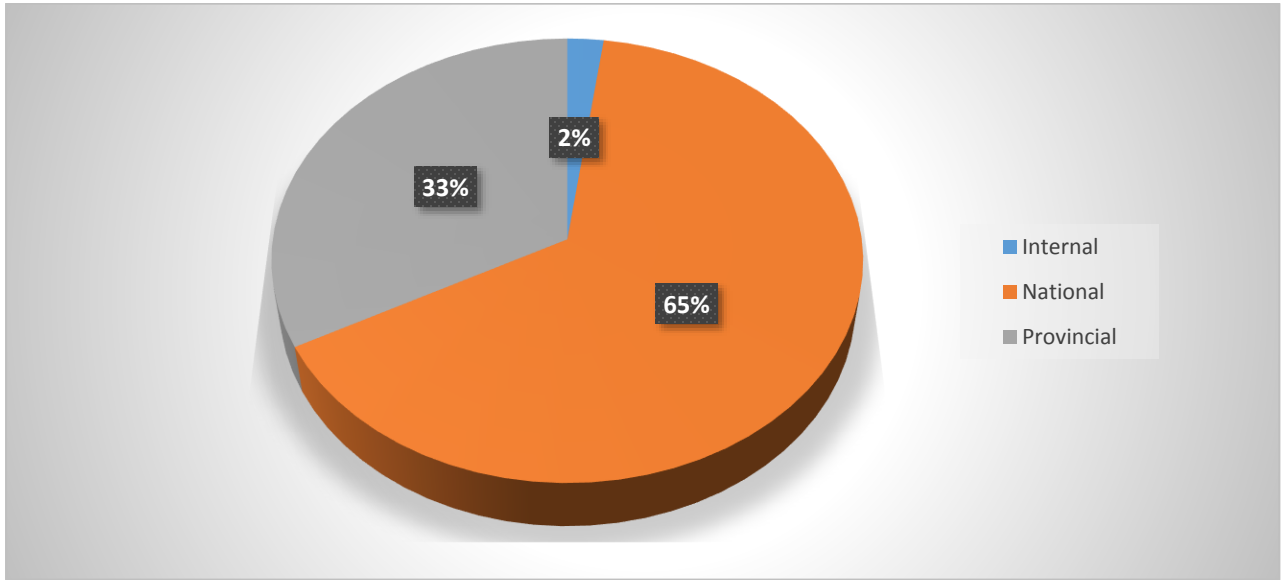
Continuing Research

Continuing Funding Summary (With Department member as PI or Co-PI)

Note: The total represents the amount applicable to 2015-16 only, not the full value of the grants.

Funder	Value
Movember Canada	\$ 730,440
Alberta Innovates Health Solutions	\$ 247,059
CIHR & NSERC (AGE-WELL)	\$ 131,000
Covenant Health	\$ 74,500
Covenant Health	\$,72,150
Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFRC)	\$ 50,000
Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF)	\$ 30,000
Workers' Compensation Board Alberta	\$ 26,577
Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging	\$ 25,000
Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, Women's & Children's Health Research Institute Innovation Grant	\$ 25,000
WCHRI/Stollery Hospital Foundation	\$ 15,000
ACCFRC	\$ 10,000
VPR Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), University of Alberta, SSHRC Related Seed Grant	\$ 8,337
The Jack Project, the Bell Canada Mental Health and Anti-stigma Research Chair, and the Opening Minds anti-stigma initiative of the Mental Health Commission of Canada	\$ 6,000
Society of Alberta Occupational Therapists/Alberta Human Services, OHS Program	\$5000
Total:	\$ 1,383,913

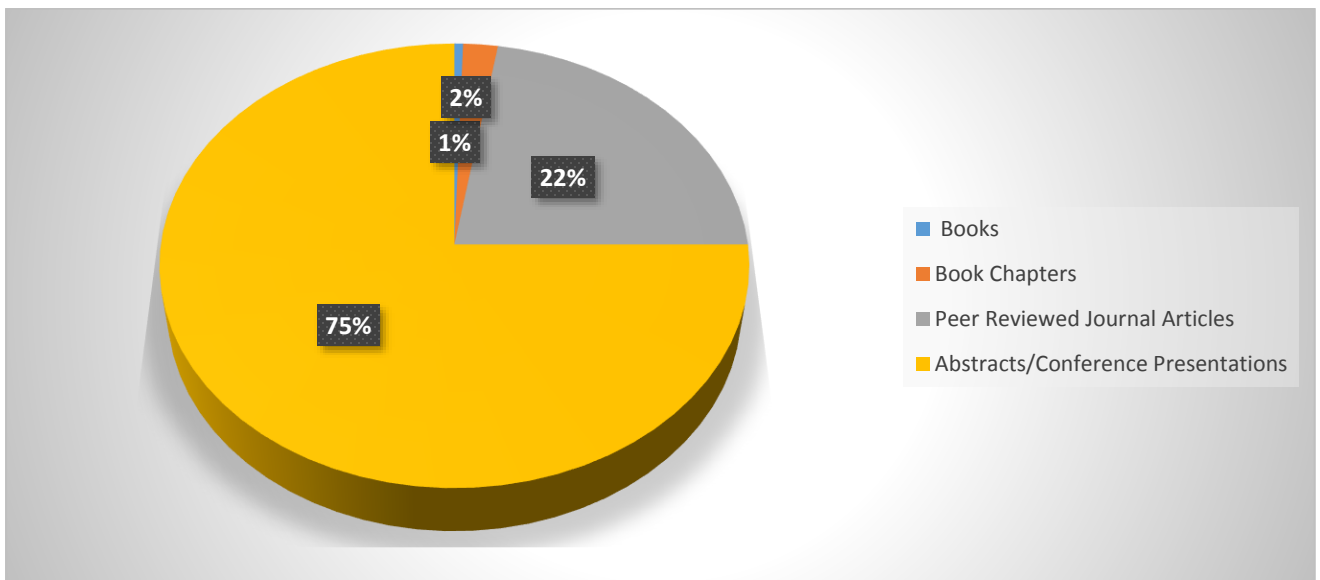
Continuing Funding Summary (divided as Internal, Provincial, and National)



Publications

Publication Summary

Category	Number
Books	1
Book Chapters	4
Peer Reviewed Journal Articles	43
Abstracts/Conference Presentations	144
Total:	192



Clinical Education

During 2015-16, the clinical education team consisted of the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACCE), a Calgary (& Southern Alberta) Clinical Education Coordinator, a Saskatchewan Clinical Education Coordinator, a Clinical Education Coordinator for Independent Community Placements, and a Clinical Education Assistant. This clinical education team organized and supported 520 fieldwork placements. The majority (402) occurred in Alberta, 40 in Saskatchewan, 15 in British Columbia and 2 in Ontario. 50 Independent Community Placements (ICPs) occurred in role-emerging practice areas at community sites in Edmonton and Calgary. 9 senior placements were completed via our ongoing partnership with the Surakarta Health Polytechnic in Indonesia and 2 senior students also completed placements in Bangladesh.

The ACCE and clinical education team maintained and established supportive partnerships with the occupational therapists and practice communities within our catchment areas. Approximately 15-20 site visits and information sessions occurred, as well as appreciation events and four advisory meetings, to ensure a forum for input and feedback from clinical educators.

During 2015-16, the ACCE was a member of the national Committee on University Fieldwork Education (CUFE), a sub-committee of the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy University Programs (ACOTUP) and contributed to the development of the new National Fieldwork Placement Sharing System (NFPSS). The ACCE also served as our faculty's representative on the Alberta Health – Health Sciences Placement Network (HSPnet) Management Committee.

As part of the faculty's Collaborative for Studies in Clinical Education (CSCE), the ACCE organized and co-hosted with the Departments of Physical Therapy and Communication Sciences and Disorders, a half-day clinical educator workshop on Introduction to Supervision (Edmonton, December 8, 2015), and two half-day workshops on Challenges in Clinical Education (Edmonton, March 8, 2016; Calgary, March 15, 2016).

Clinical Placement Sites

The Department of Occupational Therapy would like to express their immense gratitude to the numerous sites that provided clinical education opportunities to our MScOT students during 2015-2016.

Alberta

Location	Organization
AHS Calgary	AB Childrens Hospital
AHS Calgary	Addictions and MH
AHS Calgary	Community Health Services
AHS Calgary	Corrections Canada
AHS Didsbury	Didsbury District Health Ctr.
AHS Calgary	Foothills Hospital
AHS Calgary	HomeCare
AHS Calgary	Peter Lougheed Ctr.
AHS Okotoks	Okotoks Health and Wellness Ctr.
AHS Rockyview	Rockyview General Hospital
AHS Calgary	South Calgary Health Ctr.
AHS Calgary	Sheldon Chumir Health Ctr.
AHS Calgary	South Health Campus

AHS Strathmore	Strathmore Hospital
AHS Red Deer	Addictions and Community MH
AHS Ponoka	Centennial Centre
AHS Red Deer	Community Health Services
AHS Daysland	Daysland Health Ctr.
AHS Red Deer	Red Deer HomeCare
AHS Olds	Olds Hospital and Care Ctr.
AHS Ponoka	Ponoka Hospital and Care Ctr.
AHS Red Deer	Red Deer Regional Hospital Ctr.
AHS Stettler	Stettler Hospital and Care Ctr.
AHS Tofield	Tofield Health Ctr.
AHS Two Hills	Two Hills Health Ctr.
AHS Vermilion	Vermilion Health Ctr.
AHS Edmonton	Alberta Hospital
AHS Edmonton	Community MH Services
AHS Edmonton	Cross Cancer Institute
AHS Edmonton	Community Health Services
AHS Edmonton	Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital
AHS Edmonton	Home Living
AHS Edmonton	Kaye Edmonton Clinic
AHS Leduc	Leduc Community Hospital
AHS Edmonton	Royal Alex Hospital
AHS Edmonton	Strathcona Home Care
AHS St. Albert	Sturgeon Community Hospital
AHS Edmonton	Supportive Living
AHS Edmonton	University of Alberta Hospital
AHS Stony Plain	Westview Health Ctr.
AHS Fort McMurray	Northern Lights Regional Hospital
AHS High Level	North West Health Ctr.
AHS Hinton	Hinton Healthcare Ctr.
AHS Peace River	Peace River Community Health Ctr.
AHS Grande Prairie	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
AHS Slave Lake	Slave Lake Healthcare Ctr.
AHS St. Paul	St. Paul Healthcare Ctr.
AHS Westlock	Westlock Healthcare Ctr.
AHS Lethbridge	Community Health Services
AHS Lethbridge	Lethbridge Chinook Regional Hospital
AHS Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
AHS Taber	Taber Health Ctr.
Carewest Calgary	Beddington Towne Ctr.
Carewest Calgary	Colonel Belcher Ctr.
Carewest Calgary	George Boyack Ctr.
Carewest Calgary	Vernon Fanning Ctr.
Carewest Calgary	Glenmore Park Ctr.
Bethany Society Cochrane	Bethany Care Ctr.
AgeCare Calgary	Beverly Glenmore
Calgary	Father Lacombe Care Ctr.
Intercare Calgary	Brentwood Care Ctr.

Bethany Socieity Red Deer	CollegeSide
Bethany Society Sylvan Lake	Bethany Sylvan Lake
Capital Care Edmonton	Dickensfield
Capital Care Edmonton	Lynnwood
Capital Care Edmonton	Strathcona
Extendicare Edmonton	Eaux Claires
Extendicare Leduc	Leduc
Capital Care Edmonton	Kipnes Ctr. For Veterans
Edmonton	Rehab and Retreat
Shepherd's Care Edmonton	Kensington Village
Shepherd's Care Edmonton	Millwoods Ctr.
Covenant Health Bonnyville	Bonnyville Heath Ctr.
Covenant Health Camrose	St. Mary's Hospital
Covenant Health Edmonton	Edmonton General Hospital
Covenant Health Edmonton	Grey Nuns Hospital
Covenant Health Lethbridge	St. Michael's Hospital
Covenant Health Edmonton	Misericordia Hospital
Covenant Health St. Albert	Youville Home
LifeMark Edmonton	LifemMark Meadowlark
LifeMark Calgary	LifeMark Sunridge
Edmonton	Boyle Street Community Services
Edmonton	Canadian Mental Health Assoc.
Edmonton	Centre for Autism
Calgary	I'm For Kids
Edmonton	Jasper Place Health & Wellness
Calgary	Orion Health
Calgary	Providence Child Development Ctr.
Edmonton	Bissell Ctr.
Wainwright	Canadian Forces
Easter Seals Bragg Creek, AB	Camp Horizon
Edmonton	George Spady Ctr.
Calgary	HIV Community Link
Calgary	Inn From the Cold
Edmonton	The Learning Ctr.
Calgary	Mustardseed Ministries
Calgary	Potentential Place
Edmonton	Prosper Place
Edmonton	Schizophrenia Society
Edmonton	Senior's Assoc. of Greater Edmonton
Edmonton	Workers' Compensation Board
Edmonton	Womens' Emergency Accom. Ctr.
Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary	CBI Health Group
Edmonton	EWI Works
Chestermere	Kin-Der Education Foundation
Rolling Hills	Sensational Kids Rehab
Camrose	Simply OT Rehab
Calgary	Renfrew Educational Services
Edmonton	Edmonton Public SD07

Nisku	Black Gold SD18
Calgary	Calgary Public SD19
Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie SD2357
Morinville	Sturgeon SD24
Airdrie	Rocky View SD41

British Columbia

Location	Organization
Corrections Canada, Abbotsford	Pacific Regional Treatment Ctr. Abbotsford Regional Hospital
Fraser Health, Abbotsford	Burnaby Hospital
Fraser Health, Burnaby	Campbell River & District Hospital
Vancouver Island Health, Campbell River/BC	Cottonwoods Extended Care Fort St. John Hospital
Interior Health, Kelowna	Polson Residential Care
Northern Health, Fort St. John	Intuitive Rehab
Interior Health, Vernon	Kamloops Health Ctr,
Chilliwack	Kootenay Health Services
Interior Health, Kamloops	Nanaimo General Hospital
Kootenay Health, Nelson	Neil Squire Society
Vancouver Island Health, Nanaimo	Highland Health Penticton Hospital
Burnaby	University Hospital of Northern BC
Northern Health, Prince George	
Interior Health, Penticton	
Northern Health, Price George	

International

Location	Organization
Dhaka, Bangladesh	Centre for Rehabilitation
Surakarta, Indonesia	Surakarta Health Polytechnic

Ontario

Location	Organization
Dryden	Dryden Regional Health Ctr.
Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Ctr.

Saskatchewan

Location	Organization
Saskatoon	CBI Health Group
Saskatoon Health Region, Saskatoon	Community Services Creative Options

Regina	Melfort Public Health Office
Melfort	Kinsmen Children's Ctr.
Saskatoon	Meadow Lake Health Ctr.
Meadow Lake	Moose Jaw Hospital
Moose Jaw	Northwest School Division
Meadow Lake	Pasqua Hospital
Regina	Providence Place
Moose Jaw	Ranch Ehrlo
Pilot Butte	Regina General Hospital
Regina	Regina Public School Division
Regina	Rosetown and District Health Ctr.
Rosetown	Royal University Hospital
Saskatoon	Saskatoon City Hospital
Saskatoon	St. Paul's Hospital
Saskatoon	Cornerstone Therapies
Yorkton	Victoria Hospital
Prince Albert	Wascana Rehabilitation Inst.
Regina	Yorkton District Nursing Home
Yorkton	

Calgary Satellite Campus

Overview

The 2015 – 2016 academic year was highlighted by some big memorable events including Calgary being the first Occupational Therapy satellite in Canada to be nationally accredited, as well as the province hosting the national Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists annual conference in Banff.

Talented People & Creative Space

It took a huge team to run things in Calgary including; Dr. Shaniff Esmail (Associate Chair), Susan Mulholland (Calgary Liaison), Jutta Hinrichs (Clinical Education Coordinator - Calgary & Southern AB), and five core Instructors, Deb Froese, Safieh Rajan, Michele Moon, Kimberly Coutts, and Trish Williams. To better support the Calgary Satellite program, a part-time Occupational Therapy Assistant joined the team in Fall 2015 and space was redeveloped to add a new videoconference system for one-to-one and small group meetings.

Partnerships

Partnerships continued to be maintained, nourished, and new relationships and activities developed.

Again, OT students participated in Its Your Move (IYM) safe transfers and lifts program with the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Rehabilitation Assistant (RA) students as well as the Inter-Disciplinary Launch with the RA and University of Alberta Physical Therapy students. An innovative new activity was added whereby second year OT students made splints collaboratively with SAIT RA students with a focus on implementation of inter-professional communication strategies. In January 2016 the student-led Professional Development Committee (PDC) Conference was held by videoconferencing one of the Key Note speakers from Edmonton, followed by a smaller group of Calgary students participating in a hands-on splinting session facilitated by a local OT clinician.

Collaboration with traditional fieldwork partners was strong this year, and four new fieldwork collaborations with "role-emerging" sites were developed;

- Central Clinic/HIV Community Link (to enhance their services and to address the needs of individuals with HIV/Aids)
- Between Friends Camp Bonaventure (to work with children with multiple needs over the summer)
- Claresholm Center for Addictions & Mental Health (to address rural mental health needs)
- Inn from the Cold (to address families with children needing support to end homelessness).

Our move last year into the new location of the Downtown Campus of the University of Calgary provided many fun opportunities with the UofA's Physical Therapy students! Some the highlights included potluck theme days (jersey day, red and green day, Star Wars day), a Halloween Costume Party, Welcome Lunch for the First Years, and a Wound Day Conference.

CAOT Conference in Alberta

Probably the most memorable event of the year was the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists conference, "Inspired for Higher Summits" held in Banff April 19 – 22, 2016 with a record 690 participants and highest ever number of abstract submissions. The pre-conference workshops were held in the Department of Occupational Therapy's satellite campus. Calgary staff Jutta Hinrichs and Susan Mulholland were the Conference Co-Convenors as well as Dr. Mary Forhan as Scientific Program Committee Chair, and Calgary Instructor Deb Froese was the Volunteer Coordinator. Many other occupational therapists within Calgary and Southern Alberta were very involved in bringing such a successful conference to the province.

Finally, the Occupational Therapy Department led by Dr. Shaniff Esmail hosted the Alberta Society for the Promotion of Sexual Health (ASPSH) two day conference "Consensual Sexual Expression" on May 5-6, 2016. This year we continued to have the opportunity to host and support a number of meetings in Calgary including the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) and Society of Alberta Occupational Therapists (SAOT) annual general meeting.

Connections

Through our connections in fieldwork, conferences, and various meetings we are seeing and hearing that our Calgary OT grads are engaged and integrating well into the clinical community. We have had the opportunity to bring some of them back into the University to participate in various student related activities such as practical exams, interview sessions etc.

Admissions and Convocation

Enrollment Summary for September 2015

MScOT (Course-based) program: 125 year 1 students admitted

Campus Distribution

Edmonton Campus: 100

Calgary Campus: 25

Gender Distribution

Females: 108

Males: 17

Geographical Origin

Alberta Residents: 60

Out of Province: 62

International: 3

Entrance Standard

Minimum GPA: 3.7

Occupational Performance Analysis Unit (OPAU)

The Occupational Performance Analysis Unit (OPAU) is the not-for-profit, fee-for-service unit of the Department of Occupational Therapy. Originally conceptualized to demonstrate application of the Canadian Model of Occupational Performance in private practice, over the past 30 years, OPAU has supported the Department's mandate in Education, Research and Service through direct and indirect contributions.

In 2015-16, OPAU continued its core work of providing rehabilitation services to veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), as well as to members of the Kehewin First Nation twice per week in their community. In addition, OPAU collaborates with community agencies to conduct functional assessments with people affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and with people seeking Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH). OPAU offers an interdisciplinary service through contracting with private practitioners in occupational therapy, physical therapy, neuropsychology, and nutrition as required and referring clients to other specialty services.

OPAU also functions as a resource to rehabilitation medicine faculty and students in the area of work evaluation and community-based rehabilitation, including curriculum and research support. OPAU continues to collaborate with and mentor private practice occupational therapists in multidisciplinary medical-legal, veterans, First Nations and mental health practice.

At A Glance Academic Year 2015-16

New Research Grants: \$ 840,158

Publications and Presentations: 192

Book(s): 1

Book Chapters: 4

Peer Reviewed Articles: 43

Abstracts/Conference Presentations: 144

125 First-year MScOT students admitted

108 Female, 17 males

60 Alberta residents, 62 out of province, 3 International

Minimum GPA: 3.7

Student Awards & Scholarships (MScOT Course-Based Students): \$ 108,362.50
520 Clinical Placements at sites listed above

