Dear Clinical Educators:

We are in the throes of placement matching and wanted to give you an update on things so far this academic year.

First of all we wanted to say a very big THANK YOU to all of you for the placement offers this spring! Wow, the clinical community has really pulled together and I am really appreciative of that. As you know, we have increased the enrollment in our program to meet PT workforce need across the province. We are well aware of the shortages of PTs in the workplace and we are hoping the increase in student numbers will eventually trickle down to you. As a result of the increase in student numbers, our placement needs have obviously increased. We required 185 placements for second year students and 110 for first year students, a total of 295 placements this spring(202 in May /June!). You have made this happen and we are truly grateful.

Thank you again for your commitment to the clinical education of our students.

- Mark, Jon and Deb

Clinical Educator of the Year Award—PT

We instituted a new award in 2011 to acknowledge therapists who go above and beyond to provide a meaningful learning experience for their students. This is a student driven award and will be awarded at the annual Rehab Med Students Association Gala in February. This year’s winner is Erica Farrell, from Function First Paediatrics in Grande Prairie. Function First is an inter-professional private practice working with children with a variety of impairments, and has been a tremendous learning experience for the students who have been placed there. Erica was nominated by Crystal Madellion, who has just graduated and will present Erica with the award at the Gala. Congratulations Erica!

Clinical Educator Appreciation

We are constantly looking for ways to show our appreciation for your commitment to the profession, and by the work you do to supervise our students. Starting this past Fall we have instituted a draw for a $50 gift card for each six-week placement and a $10 card for each one-week placement. Each student you supervise is an entry for the draw. Our winners are:

- PTER 523: Rhonda Mislskeiwits - Performance Physiotherapy & Acupuncture
- PTER 520: Adeline Thien - CAB Central
- PTER S17: Amy Siemens - Peter Lougheed Center

Congratulations and THANK YOU

Reminder: eJournal access is available to supervising therapists in the term in which they offer to supervise a student. CCC’s will be entitled to year round access. Please contact Deb Martens to activate this privilege, deb.martens@ualberta.ca.

Rehabilitation News

Many of you will remember being taught by Dr. David Magee, Dr. Magee has recently been awarded one of Canada’s highest honours. UAlberta Physical Therapist named to Order of Canada: (Edmonton) The University of Alberta’s David Magee has enjoyed his share of accolades during a remarkable career in physical therapy. The appointment is the latest honour for Dr. Magee, a world renowned physical therapist, author of the acclaimed Orthopedic Physical Assessment, and one of the longest-serving faculty members in rehabilitation medicine. He has worked with elite athletes across the country, from the national synchronized swimming team to the Edmonton Eskimos to the Edmonton Oilers.

Alberta Rehabilitation Awards

The ARA Annual awards dinner has been postponed until May 3, 2013. All current nominations will be kept until that time, additional nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2013. The event will be held in Edmonton in the Maple Leaf Room at Lister Hall. To nominate a colleague please visit the website: http://www.rehabilitation.ualberta.ca/ARA.aspx

Development and Testing of New Placement Evaluation Instrument

CPI: Based on the results of a recent national survey, a new instrument to evaluate students on clinical placement is currently being developed. The instrument will eventually replace the CPI. The new instrument, based on the Canadian Essential Competency Profile, is in draft format and will be adopted by the U of A and all other programs in Canada. In order for it to be adopted it needs to be tested against the current gold standard which is the CPI. If you are interested in piloting the new instrument in the spring session please contact Mark, Mark.Hall@ualberta.ca.

Upcoming 2013 placement dates:

- PTER S21: 18 Mar - 26 Apr
- PTER S22/S18: 29 Apr - 7 Jun
- PTER S23: 3 Sep - 11 Oct

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