Dear Clinical Educators:

Warm summer weather seems finally just around the corner. I hope this message finds you all well and looking forward to the summer. Placements are in full swing with both years of students currently out and I am sure keeping you busy.

A number of important developments have happened since I last wrote and I hope to highlight a few for you here.

- Mark

Program updates

Camrose expansion: As you may remember, this year saw the admission of a sub-cohort of 10 students at the Augustana Campus in Camrose. This pilot program involved the use of real time high definition video conferencing delivered to a smaller cohort of students outside of Corbett Hall. The current University of Alberta (U of A) pilot MScPT sub-cohort of 10 students at Augustana Campus in Camrose has been very well received by Alberta post-secondary education organizations. As a result, government has committed funding for at least three more sub-cohorts in Camrose. This will increase enrolment into the program to 93 seats for the 2011 admission.

Calgary expansion: As a result of the success of the Augustana satellite, the government has also given the green light for a satellite pilot project in Calgary. This is very exciting news for department and also for Calgary. We are currently in discussions with the U of C about possible space options and plan for the admission of 10 students in Calgary in the fall of 2012. The pilot will run for at least 2 cohorts of students. Although in Calgary, this will continue to be a U of A program with identical content and experiences as the main Edmonton campus.

Wanted: As a result of these expansions we will be looking for Camrose and Calgary satellite coordinators as well as a Calgary clinical coordinator. Details to be posted on the Department website shortly. http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/pt/postjobs.cfm

Admission interview: This year saw the reintroduction of an interview for admission to the MScPT program. A number of clinicians participated in this process which proved to be very successful. A new format, the multiple mini interview (MMI), was used whereby applicants were interviewed by 7 different interviewers on a range of topics. Developed at McMaster University, the MMI is designed to evaluate important variables not clearly expressed by an applicant’s Grade Point Average of topics.

We want to hear from you!

We have had significant challenges in recent years to find enough clinical placements for our students. We realise that the workplace is a busy place to be and would like your feedback on the best times for student placements. At present, the bulk of our placements run from March—July, right through the summer which can be difficult with summer vacation. We are proposing to move as many placements as possible out of the summer and back into regular term times, September—May and would like your feedback about this. Placements will run from September till 1st week of December, Jan-Feb and May-June. Please send your feedback to Mark Hall.

Upcoming placement dates:
- First year shadow days: 28 Sept, 5 Oct
- PTHR 520 7 Nov-16 Dec
- PTHR 517 5-9 Dec
- PTHR 521 19 Mar—27 Apr

CSCE Workshops in Calgary and Medicine Hat

Mark Hall, Luanne McFarlane (SPA) and Cori Schmitz (OT) will be offering student supervision workshops in June. We will be in Calgary on 1 June and Medicine Hat on 2 June. Each year CSCE holds workshops on student supervision to help new and experienced therapists get the most out of the supervision and placement experience. The morning workshop focuses on the basics of student supervision, things to look out for, how to prepare for taking a student for the first time. The afternoon workshop focuses on dealing with the challenging student. Both workshops were well attended and we hope to be able to offer workshops in another part of the province next year. To register please click on the link below by 20 May. http://web.rehab.ualberta.ca/forms/fs-CSCEWorkshop.aspx

Welcome to the New Sites

- Black Gold PT—Ft McMurray
- Redwater Health Centre
- Orion Health Calgary Bridgeland
- Tamanick PT—Ft McMurray

SHINE clinic

- Physiotherapists who may be interested in volunteering to supervise students, one Saturday afternoon every three months should please contact Mark Hall

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