Training to care for people with dementia

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Training support • Skills development • Competency • Assessment • Scholarships • Education

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‘Helping Australians with dementia and their carers – a national health priority’

Dementia Training Study Centres – one initiative

1. WA Dementia Training Study Centre
2. Eastern States Dementia Training Study Centre
3. Victorian and Tasmanian Dementia Training Study Centre
4. South Australia and Northern Territory Dementia Training Study Centre
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Project officers: project specific
WADTSC is a consortium

- Lead agency is Centre for Research on Ageing, Curtin University of Technology

+ Experienced educational providers
  - Expert service providers
  - Professional organisations and stakeholder network
Centre for Research on Ageing
Influencing policy – Improving Practice – Enhancing Quality of Life

Sub Units
T G Smith Dementia Research & Development Unit
Alzheimer’s Australia WA Research & Development Unit
ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well – State Hub
WA Dementia Training Study Centre – Lead Partner
QUT Dementia Collaborative Research Centre – Curtin University Node

• **Health in Ageing** (ageing well/ageing productively, health and well-being of older people, supportive environments, accommodation, workforce, retirement, wellness & independence)

• **Aged Care Services** (services and support systems, alternative and innovative models of service delivery, health workforce)

• **Dementia** (models of service delivery, carers, workforce capacity)
Experienced Educational Providers

- Curtin University of Technology School of Nursing & Midwifery,
- Alzheimer's Australia WA
- Edith Cowan University, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Postgraduate Medicine.
- University of Western Australia, Centre for Health and Ageing
Expert Service Providers

- Perth Home Care Services Inc
- Churches of Christ Home & Community Services Inc
- Brightwater Care Group
- Silver Chain
- Amana Living
- Hall & Prior Care Organisations
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Professional Organisations and Stakeholder Network

- Osborne Park Division of General Practice
- Central Wheatbelt Division of General Practice
- Aged Care Services Australia (WA)
- Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG)
- Geriaction WA Inc.
- Department of Health WA
Management and Networks

- Project Management Team
- Industry Network Group
- Special Project Teams
Aims

• To create a career path for health professionals in metropolitan, rural and remote WA.

• Further develop/enhance existing tertiary undergraduate & postgraduate health courses to increase content relating to dementia.

• Support the development of a range of teaching and learning resources that cater for a diverse range of learning needs within the target populations.

• Facilitate research supported through scholarships.

• Facilitate work place experience.

• Influence employers to recognise care of people with dementia as an area of specialist expertise – support and reward staff.
Educational Model

- **Level 4: Advanced Specialist**
- **Level 3: Advanced Professional Practice**
- **Level 2: Professional Practice/ Staff Development**
- **Level 1: Undergraduate**

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Projects/Activities

Thirteen primary project/activity areas that focus on:

- Teaching strategies
- Learning resources
- Core dementia competencies
- Work place experience
- Specialist roles (e.g. clinical consultant, nurse practitioner, manager)
Communication Targets

- **Target Group 1**
  University undergraduate course coordinators

- **Target group 2**
  Industry service providers

- **Target group 3**
  Health Professionals and associations

- **Target group 4**
  University postgraduate course coordinators

- **Target group 5**
  Employers of health professionals
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Promotion & Communication Plan

- WADTSC newsletter
- Network meetings planned for 2007
- Articles
  - R & D Now
  - Cite Magazine
  - Industry newsletters
- Information session for Practice Nurses
- Information session for General Practitioners
- WADTSC launch May 2007
Project activities update

- University course survey (undergraduate and postgraduate course coordinators)
- Industry survey (Registered Aged Care Facilities, hospitals)
- Staff development package for acute care staff
- Staff development package for CALD communities
- Curriculum resources for medical students
- Industry information seminar series
- Postgraduate course development
- Curriculum resources for undergraduate nurses
- Seminars for Practice Nurses
We invite your involvement: discuss opportunities with us

- Funding to support staff seconded to work on specific project/resources
- Funding for the development of teaching and learning materials
- Expansion of existing courses, teaching resources
- Collaboration with other agencies and providers
- Seminars – target audience or practitioner group
- Research opportunities
- Career pathway development
- Communication channels
Once in a life time opportunity to make a difference – how will you help?

Please call us