



ACU Allied Health Speed Sessions 2024 schedule

ACU's School of Allied Health is pleased to offer free professional development sessions, or 'speed sessions', to our placement providers, university students and alumni to support ongoing learning throughout your careers and studies.

These brief recordings cover clinical practice and research topics relating to allied health: occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work and speech pathology. The sessions are pre-recorded by ACU academics and collaborators and will be emailed to you each month.

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MONTH	TOPIC	PRESENTER
March	Vaping and young people: why the fuss?	Dr Nia Luxton Senior Lecturer in Physiotherapy, ACU
March	The art and science of motivating students on placement	Dr John Mahoney Academic Lead, HELTA (Higher Education Learning and Teaching Academy) and ACU Thrive, Centre for Education and Innovation, ACU
March	Supporting oral language and early literacy with shared book reading	Dr Tessa Weadman Lecturer, School of Education, La Trobe University
March	Do students benefit from interprofessional education in allied health student-led clinics?	Ms Danielle Czapnik Lecturer in Speech Pathology, ACU PhD Candidate, University of Queensland
April	Supervision of students on social work placements	Dr Jennifer McConachy Senior Lecturer and National Professional Practice Lead of Social Work, ACU
April	Stakeholder involvement in our practice	Associate Professor Margaret Wallen Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, ACU
April	The Cross Bracing Protocol for ACL ruptures	Ms Clare Walsh Specialist Sports and Exercise Physiotherapist Sessional Academic, ACU

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April	Capacity building in the NDIS	Dr Dijana Dragicevich Speech Pathology National Manager and Professional Lead, Bloom Health Care
May	Using narrative therapy tools in clinical social work practice	Ms Jane Hutton Social Worker; Individual, Couples and Family Therapist
May	Improving discharge communication and post-discharge support for increased participation after stroke	Dr Jacinta Sheehan Occupational Therapist and Researcher, La Trobe University
May	Virtual simulated patients in health professional education	Ms Alison Blunt Lecturer in Physiotherapy and National Lead for Simulation and Specialised Learning Environments (Physiotherapy), ACU
May	Working with multilingual children: How can I assess speech in a language that I don't speak?	Ms Kate Margetson Speech Pathologist PhD Candidate, Charles Sturt University
June	Parent experiences after final orders	Ms Natalie Morton Lecturer in Social Work, ACU PhD Candidate, University of Sydney
June	Getting guidelines into practice: strategies for knowledge translation in neurological rehabilitation	Dr Liana Cahill Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, ACU
June	An update on concussion in women's contact sports	Ms Shreya McLeod Lecturer in Physiotherapy, ACU PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle
June	The association between reading difficulties and mental health: what we know so far	Professor Genevieve McArthur Professor in the Australian Centre for the Advancement of Literacy (ACU) Director of Research Translation at Dyslexia SPELD Foundation
July	Working with students experiencing difficulty on placement	Dr Jennifer McConachy Senior Lecturer and National Professional Practice Lead of Social Work, ACU
July	Perspectives and experiences of allied health students, professional practice educators and international partners in Timor-Leste and Bhutan participating in telehealth placements	Ms Natalie Roche Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, ACU PhD Candidate, La Trobe University
August	Welfare stigma	Dr Sonia Martin Senior Lecturer in Social Work, ACU
August	The role of allied health practitioners in environmental planning and re-design: consideration of intergenerational design and practices within complex systems	Ms Hannah Forbes Final-year PhD Candidate and Sessional Academic in Occupational Therapy, ACU
August	Cultural responsiveness in action: implications for workforce development and culturally safe health care for First Nations Peoples	Associate Professor Michael Reynolds Deputy Head of School, School of Allied Health, ACU
September	Using tools with children, youth and families	Dr Elise Woodman Senior Lecturer in Social Work, ACU
September	How to address sexuality in health care	Dr Claire Lynch Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, ACU

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September	Virtual simulated patient cases in undergraduate physiotherapy curriculum	Ms Carolyn Gates Lecturer in Physiotherapy, ACU
September	Developmental Language Disorder in an Australian population: learning from the generations in the Raine Study	Dr Samuel Calder Lecturer in Speech Pathology, University of Tasmania
October	Mental health and social work	Dr Aniqā Farwa Senior Lecturer in Social Work, ACU
October	Failing professional practice: through the students' eyes. What are we missing?	Miss Wendy Milgate Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, ACU
October	A snapshot into a guide for supporting students with DLD at school	Mr Shaun Ziegenfusz Co-CEO and Co-Founder, DLD Project Lecturer in Speech Pathology and PhD Candidate, Griffith University
October	Motor imagery and resistance training considerations for older adults	Dr Vaughan Nicholson Senior Lecturer in Physiotherapy, ACU
November	Providing therapeutic groups in the private practice space: perceptions of private practice occupational therapists servicing community-dwellers with ABI	Ms Cheryl Kotzur Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, ACU
November	Implementation of robot-assisted upper limb therapy for stroke survivors within an Australian rehabilitative setting	Dr Nick Flynn Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, ACU
November	Botulinum Toxin-A treatment updates in paediatric cerebral palsy and physiotherapy management	Ms Adrienne Kniha Children's Physiotherapist
November	Barriers to achievement: teachers discuss their practice of reading instruction	Dr Tina Daniel Lecturer in Education, ACU and Australian Centre for the Advancement of Literacy

Note: Topics and presenters are subject to change.