



ACU Allied Health Speed Sessions

2025 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. The sessions are pre-recorded by ACU academics and researchers and will be emailed to you each month.

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MONTH	TOPIC	PRESENTER
April	Supporting young people experiencing psychosis with their employment.	Dr Melissa Aguey-Zinsou Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, ACU
May	Vaping in adolescents.	Dr Nia Luxton Senior Lecturer, Physiotherapy, ACU
May	Mental health and social work.	Dr Aniq Farwa Senior Lecturer, Social Work and Assistant Deputy Head of School Strathfield, ACU
June	Charting a Model of Educational Success: Bridging Access, Retention, and Workforce Readiness for Allied Health Students	Ms Lisa Dent Lecturer, Speech Pathology, ACU
July	The application of the CO-OP Approach to improve occupational performance of children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).	Ms Catherine Hilly Lecturer, Occupational Therapy and PhD Candidate, ACU
July	Prevalence and risk factors for chronic lower limb oedema in the older population: A community cohort study	Ms Maree O'Connor Physiotherapist and Higher Degree Research Candidate, ACU
July	Aphasia camps in Australia: Empowering communities to support sustainable services.	Dr Megan Trebilcock Lecturer, Speech Pathology, ACU
August	Gait disorders in Parkinson's disease: What do we know and how can we manage them?	Professor Michael Cole Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, ACU

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August	Build your toolkit: Treating speech errors in children with cleft palate.	Dr Leah Henley Senior Lecturer and Course Coordinator, Bachelor of Speech Pathology Canberra, ACU
September	The Role of Occupational Therapists in Supporting Individuals with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long COVID.	Ms Julie Hughes Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, ACU
September	De-implementation of Bobath therapy (and what to replace it with).	Associate Professor Simone Dorsch Associate Professor, Physiotherapy, ACU
October	First Nations health and anti-racist research and practice.	Associate Professor Jessica Russ-Smith Deputy Head of School Canberra and Chair, Indigenous Research Ethics Advisory Panel, ACU
October	Training the future aged care workforce and the role for speech pathology.	Associate Professor Erin Conway School of Allied Health Research Coordinator and Chairperson, Human Ethics Research Committee, ACU Associate Professor Kieran Flanagan Deputy Head of School Brisbane and National Course Coordinator Speech Pathology, ACU
November	What factors do allied health students take into account when making employment decisions?	Ms Chloe Schlatter, Speech Pathologist and 2023 graduate, ACU
November	Methods for describing a child's visual ability.	Dr Belinda Deramore Denver Lecturer, Occupational Therapy, ACU
November	Are you what your dad eats? The role of fathers in early life nutrition.	Dr Adam Walsh Senior Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics and National Course Coordinator, Master of Dietetic Practice, ACU
December	Update on the FAIR consensus from the IOC (Female, women, and girl Athletes: Injury prevention).	Dr Shreya McLeod Senior Lecturer, Physiotherapy, ACU
December	Rethinking co-design: Using adapted Delphi methods to engage hard-to-reach populations in ethical, inclusive knowledge creation.	Professor Helen McLaren Professor and Head of Discipline, Social Work, ACU

Note: Topics and presenters are subject to change.