



Disability in Health Sciences
A Summer School for Health Professionals
working with students with disabilities

AHEAD in collaboration with University College Dublin School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems are organising a Summer School running from 27th – 29th August 2013 for Professionals working in the Health Sciences sector who have responsibility for including students with disabilities in the Health Professions, including clinical placements. The Summer School aims to open a dialogue about the inclusion of a diverse range of students in Health Sciences, especially students with disability.

The focus of professional health education programs (including nursing, medicine, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, midwifery and occupational health) is to prepare graduates who are able to provide safe, competent care consistent with entry-level competencies and registration requirements. As the number of students registered with a disability continues to increase on these programmes, there is a growing challenge to understand what needs to change while addressing more difficult issues like the attitudes and biases that may continue to fuel stigma against students with disabilities. Generally, if a student has a documented disability, accommodations are mandated by law. The nature of some students' accommodations prompts concern about their ability to meet program expectations and registration criteria.

This summer school will explore such issues, and review good practice both international and national, shining a spotlight on the continually developing methods of teaching staff working with undergraduate students with disabilities and should result in a clearer understanding about challenges facing professionals (both in the lecture hall and the clinical setting) as they seek to maintain standards while including students with disabilities. The event will take place over 3 days and there is one thing certain – the summer school will give great opportunities to learn, network and have some fun!

Where: Student Centre, University College Dublin

When: Aug 27th – 29th 2013

Cost: €390

Includes: 3 day summer school, tea/coffee & lunch/refreshments throughout and 2 dinner/networking evenings

Campus Accommodation: Available at €55 p/night inc wifi and continental breakfast – [BOOK HERE](#) – If you encounter problems booking, please use Firefox Browser

Perks: Use of UCD sports/leisure facilities for €20 per day- inc. pool, gym and solarium

Visit: www.ahead.ie/summerschool13 or email ahead@ahead.ie for further info

Draft Schedule: August 27th – 29th 2013

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Tues Aug 27th -Registration from 09:30	The Profession: Change and Dilemma Leadership – doing the right thing or doing things right!: Dr. Phil Halligan, Lecturer/Disability Liaison Team Leader Fitness to Practice and Maintaining Standards in an Uncertain World: Barbara Waters, Disability Consultant	The Profession: Change and Dilemma The Law: a psychological contract?: Katie Ridge, Barrister of Law Teaching, Learning and Universal Design Teaching & Learning – you cannot make assumptions based on what you think you know	The Wind Down A fun networking evening with food and entertainment in Dublin’s fair city
Wed Aug 28th	Teaching, Learning and Understanding More About Universal Design: Ann Heelan, Executive Director of AHEAD The Student: A Certain or Uncertain Future Assessing the Need for Accommodation – a systematic approach: Mary Quirke, Assistant Director of AHEAD	Mental Health Difficulties and the Clinical Placement - how to start the conversation: Dr Cian Denihan, Consultant Psychiatrist, UCD Student Centre Disclosure - how to create a relationship of trust: An interactive drama workshop by Adaptas	The Wind Down Informal dinner where participants can get to know each other better in a relaxed atmosphere
Thurs Aug 29th	Dyslexia – so what are the issues really?: Helen Carroll, Learning Support Tutor, Dublin Institute of Technology The Accommodations: Do They Really Make a Difference? Assistive Technologies – what are they?	Closing Session – what does the future look like?	<div data-bbox="1541 1105 1908 1203" data-label="Text"> <p>Book Now>></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1570 1230 1877 1295" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1570 1321 1661 1442" data-label="Image"> </div>