



PHC RED PROGRAM



H I G H L I G H T S

1. Development of an Academic Program within the Department of General Practice (DGP) which co-ordinates research capacity building for DGP Postgraduate Students; ongoing Staff Development and PHC RED Fellow / Bursary holder programs.
2. 3 Research Fellows funded / 9 PHC RED Bursaries awarded
3. Working across the faculty of Health Sciences including:
 - Working with the Department of Public Health on a variety of initiatives including submission of a PHERP Grant; evaluation of the implementation of the PHEC program; joint training sessions in programs such as NUD*IST; joint NH&MRC grant submissions
 - Working with the Medical Education Unit to present a modified version of the “Introduction to Research Methods” Course for Fourth Year Medical Students
 - Working with the Adelaide to Outback Training Consortium to attract an Academic Registrar position to the DGP and to explore the use of the PHEC Curriculum in the Training Program
4. Co-ordination and presentation of the “Introduction to Research Methods” Module of the Postgraduate program in Grief and Palliative Care run through the DGP and expansion of this module to be offered also through PHC RED Program to GPs and PHC practitioners
5. Working closely with the SA State Collaboration on statewide evaluation and training workshops, grant submissions etc
6. Working within the DGP to increase research capacity through courses, assistance with writing for publication, encouragement and assistance with grant writing and tender submission
7. Development and maintenance of the University of Adelaide PHC RED network, including regular newsletters.
8. Submission of 5 NH&MRC grants directly related to the PHC RED Program
9. Submission of one application for a PHC NH&MRC Fellowship
10. Presentation of EBM workshops in SA and Tasmania
11. Working with Regional Health Services to present workshops, develop training packages and submit grants.
12. Ongoing informal advice to Divisions and mentorship of individuals within Divisions
13. Working with the University Family Practice Network to undertake a research program and train staff in research methods.
14. Attendance at a variety of conferences and workshops on Primary Health Care and policy development

O P P O R T U N I T I E S

- ◇ Establishing research networks, (considering the UK experience which shows that a lot of groundwork needs to be done first, and networks have to be very clear about their purpose and outcomes).
- ◇ Undertaking cross disciplinary research underneath the PHC RED umbrella, (considering that such relationships require time to develop)
- ◇ Developing closer links with the Department of Nursing and the Joanna Briggs Centre for Evidence Based Nursing
- ◇ Developing closer links with the Allied Health Services represented on the PHC RED Steering Committee
- ◇ Developing publications and grants with participants in the Bursary/Fellowship Program
- ◇ Identifying and supporting appropriate applicants for the GP and PHC NH&MRC Fellowships
- ◇ Development of capacity building indicators for programs which aim to build capacity of GPs and PHC practitioners so that they feel able to undertake post graduate studies, research and publish

D I F F I C U L T I E S

- ◇ Correlating the outcomes expected of the PHC RED program (eg increased publications and PhD students) with the current mindset of most GPs and PHC Practitioners who are not yet ready for these outcomes, but are very willing to begin the process. This may include introductory workshops, individual mentoring etc. with progressing to post graduate education some way down the track.
- ◇ Lack of funding for grants for bursary students and other PHC practitioners interested in research
- ◇ NH&MRC funding being the prime source for research funding for PHC & GP Departments
- ◇ Bringing PHC practitioners as well as GPs into the program
- ◇ Time – part time employment can make initiating the wide variety of possible activities very difficult.
- ◇ Changing goal posts with PHC RED reporting including business plans, strategic plans, annual reports, capacity building reports, PHCRIS reports etc.