

New CPD Education Program in Assistive Technologies for Green, Amber and Red therapists

SWEP therapists will be aware that SWEP has partnered with CQUniversity's Melbourne Campus to develop a new and specifically tailored competency program for SWEP prescribers¹. Our Clinical Advisors have worked with CQU educationalists to create interactive workshops to meet your learning needs for AT prescription.

The program is called the CQU-SWEP Assistive Technology Continuing Professional Development Program (CQU-SWEP AT CPD Program), and will be run as ½ day and full day workshops.

All workshops are highly recommended for new and existing SWEP allied health prescribers – those designed for Green prescribers will be subsidised by SWEP for new graduates (completing their degree in 2015). The Green full day session content includes: how to navigate the SWEP website, including advice on what is required on SWEP prescription forms for both the A&EP and NDIS programs, and clinical information on MAT assessments and prescribing at Green level.

The first Green program is scheduled for Friday June 3, and there are still places available.

If you are a Green prescriber and intending to prescribe under A&EP or NDIS programs this session will be vital for you.

REMEMBER – New Graduates receive a \$70 SWEP subsidy for attendance.

Register for this program here: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/structure/schools/hhss/community-engagement/assistive-technology-continuing-professional-development-program>

Find more information on Green Prescriber Sessions here: <https://swep.bhs.org.au/news/c/2/prescribers/>



¹ nb. the program is also available for occupational therapists and physiotherapists who don't prescribe for SWEP

Here are some quick fact, questions and answers about the full CQU-SWEP AT CPD program:

What topics will be covered in the workshops?

The full program will deliver approximately 17 full and half day workshops each year across Green/ Introductory, Amber/ Intermediate and Red/ Advanced levels. The topics are:

1. **Basic prescription for children and adults**, concepts of reasonable and necessary, MAT (Mechanical Assessment Tool), clinical justification and clinical reasoning. This workshop is ideal for all new graduates, and will become mandatory for any new therapist who wants to prescribe for SWEP (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists) in 2017.
2. **Mobility aids for children and adults** (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists).
3. **Wheelchairs and seating (including pressure, posture, car seats) for children** (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists).
4. **Wheelchairs and seating (including pressure, posture, car seats) for adults** (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists).
5. **Bathing & toileting for children and adults** (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists).
6. **Specialised transfers (including hoists and slings) for children and adults** (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists).
7. **Beds & mattresses (including pressure, posture/ positioning) for children and adults** (for occupational therapists and physiotherapists).
8. **Vehicle modifications** (for occupational therapists).

Additional topics that will be offered through CQUniversity include powered mobility aid assessment and training, and the Driver Assessment course which will be offered in partnership with Swinburne University.

Where will the workshops be held?

The CQU/SWEP AT-CPD workshops will take place at CQUniversity Melbourne Campus, centrally located at 120 Spencer St Melbourne (opposite Southern Cross Station). Some Green/ Introductory workshops may be offered in regional centres – please watch the website <https://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/structure/schools/hhss/community-engagement/assistive-technology-continuing-professional-development-program>

Who will teach the workshops?

The workshops will be delivered by clinical and educational experts in the field. Each workshop will have a limited number of participant places and two staff members, to ensure a high quality educational experience.

How much do the workshops cost?

The workshops cost between \$170 and \$450 (less the subsidy for new graduates undertaking the Green full day workshop). Half day workshops include morning or afternoon tea and full day workshops include lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Do I get a certificate of participation, and do I have to take any tests?

A certificate of participation will be issued to all workshop attendees. In addition, clinicians who prescribe for SWEP at Amber and Red levels will participate in a competency assessment quiz at the end of each workshop which will ensure status maintenance or upgrades as appropriate.

How do I know when the workshops are being held?

Visit the CQU website for regular schedule updates <https://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/structure/schools/hss/community-engagement/assistive-technology-continuing-professional-development-program>

How do I book and pay for a workshop?

Follow the links as you work through the website. The schedule of topics and dates has the booking and on-line payment link for each workshop.

CQU and SWEP look forward to welcoming you to a workshop soon.

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