

Euro-Education: Employability for All - An international educational module to help students promote employability

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In the context of their holistic, client-centred and occupation-based approach, occupational therapists play an integral role in the area of employability. However it has been recognised that it is not sufficient to work with individuals who traditionally come into contact with services within the context of vocational rehabilitation. Work and employment are crucial domains for all people, and there is a need to work in new and innovative ways to reach those individuals who are currently furthest removed from the labour market. Work and employment have also been high on the European agenda for several years, and in light of the recent global financial crisis are assuming an even greater significance. In 2006 occupational therapy educators from institutions across four countries came together with the aim of designing and implementing an international and interdisciplinary curriculum focusing on increasing employability. Students will have the opportunity to work together using the medium of e-learning and engaging in a series of exchanges that will enable them to put these skills into innovative practice. They will be working with individuals who are unable to access work opportunities on account of their age, gender, disability and/or ethnicity. This poster will outline the context, goals and objectives as well as the structure of the module to enable students, employers and potential employees to develop the area of employability from their professional perspectives.