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## **Practice Research - A Cooperation Between Occupational Therapy Students, Occupational Therapy Education And Occupational Therapy Practice**

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The purpose of this project is to contribute to development in Occupational Therapy concerned with community based long term rehabilitation and to engage OT bachelor students in research within the professions area of work. The project is lead by OT lecturers from the Department of Occupational Therapy, University College Lillebaelt, Denmark and is carried out in cooperation with OT practitioners.

Health service in Denmark was reorganised in 2007 and this meant a shift from hospital based to community based long term rehabilitation. The Occupational Therapy Education was at the same time faced with a demand from the Danish Ministry of Education in engaging in research within the professions area of work and that students should have the possibility to participate in studies as part of their educational program.

### **Objectives**

The projects' aims are to

- contribute to development of Occupational Therapy practice within community based long term rehabilitation
- investigate the experience of both clients and practitioners in regard of how Occupational Therapy contributes to enable the clients every day life
- facilitate changes in occupational therapy practice in light of the study results
- to meet curriculum demands of including lectures, students and practice OTs in research in order to create qualitative education and to participate in developing Occupational Therapy practice

### **Methods**

The project is carried out as four separate studies by OT bachelor students within the tradition of "Practice Research" and with a theoretical approach of Occupational Therapy and Critical Psychology.

### **Results**

The studies are carried out in 2009 and the results of the project will be available in February 2010.

### **Contribution**

The project is expected to

- contribute with evidence and reflections on the continued development of Occupational Therapy practice
- develop a method of cooperation in doing research between Occupational Therapy students, the Occupational Therapy Education and Occupational Therapy practice