



OT AUSTRALIA Qld

Australian Association of Occupational Therapists - Queensland Inc.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Communities of Practice Online Forum Moderators

OT AUSTRALIA Qld was successful in receiving a Rural Health Support Education and Training (RHSET) Program grant from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing on 14 November 2008.

*"The RHSET program contributes towards the recruitment and retention of rural health workers. It does this by funding initiatives that provide health workers with appropriate support, education or training to improve the health status of rural and remote communities."*¹

OT AUSTRALIA Qld RHSET Project

The OT AUSTRALIA Qld RHSET project aims to use IT to support a *real time*², interactive web based Community of Practice: "a group of people who together accumulate and share their collective learning."³ For Occupational Therapists in rural and remote Queensland. This virtual community of practice will create an environment to support networking, mentoring, collaboration and partnering within the community as well as access to occupational therapists and other interdisciplinary professionals external to the community.

Purpose of an Online Forum Moderator

The Online Forum Moderator is to provide a mentoring and facilitation role to a Community of Practice for a Special Interest Group or another area of expertise, particularly to enable rural and remote professional development.

Responsibilities & Duties:

An OT AUSTRALIA Qld OT Online Forum Moderator is required to;

- participate in online forum moderator training
- provide facilitation for a Special Interest Group online discussion
- provide professional expert advice and/or guidance on topics
- provide mentoring for new graduates or other members
- promote and encourage OT AUSTRALIA Qld member participation at any professional development event
- abide by and monitor that members abide by the *OT AUSTRALIA Qld Communities of Practice Online Forum Policy*
- report professional development opportunities to OT AUSTRALIA Qld Professional Development Reference Group for consideration

TO APPLY FOR A MODERATOR POSITION PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW

¹ <http://www.health.gov.au/rhset> [Accessed: 09/01/09]

² [Dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com): "of or pertaining to applications in which the computer must respond as rapidly as required by the user or necessitated by the process being controlled." [Accessed: 20/01/09]

³ Etienne Wenger, "*Engagement, Identity and Innovation: Etienne Wenger on Communities of Practice*", Journal of Association Leadership; ASAE, Winter 2004



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Expression of Interest Application for CoP Online Forum Moderator Position

Email or Fax your completed form to:

Email: info@otqld.org.au or Fax: 07 3397 6599

OT AUSTRALIA Qld Communities of Practice Online Forum Moderators	
Membership No:	
Title:	
First Name:	
Surname:	
Phone:	
Email	
Moderator Position Applied for (Special Interest Group OR Area of Expertise):	
Qualifications:	
Years of Experience:	
Other:	
Please provide a brief summary of experience, including any previous OT AUSTRALIA Qld speaker presentation/s or panel/s:	

For further information regarding the Communities of Practice Online Forum Moderator positions please contact:
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