



Certificate in Pain Management

The Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Alberta is pleased to announce the offering of an interprofessional graduate level **Certificate in Pain Management**. The aim of this program is to provide advanced education in collaborative pain management for healthcare professionals. The first course in the series, **REHAB 535: the Nature of Pain** will be delivered for the first time in May 2010. **It will be available as online, distance learning in 2011.**

Applications will be accepted for this program starting **January 15th, 2010**. The certificate is granted upon successful completion of three required graduate-level courses, as follows:

- The Nature of Pain (REHAB 535)
- Assessment and Management of Pain (REHAB 536)
- Integrating and Implementing Pain Management Models (REHAB 537)

The Course Director is Dr. Judith Hunter, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Alberta and University of Toronto, and a member of the UT Centre for the Study of Pain. Guest Faculty will include leaders in pain research, management and education from across Canada.

This program is expected to attract professionals from medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, psychology, social work and other related disciplines. It is anticipated that the program will draw students from Alberta, Canada, and internationally.



2010 Course Details

The Spring 2010 offering of **REHAB 535: *The Nature of Pain*** will be delivered in a blended format consisting of two 13 hour week-end modules (May 8-9, June 19-20) and 6 weeks of intervening online delivery (approx. 2 hours/week) between the two face-to-face sessions. The online portion of the course will consist of lectures, self-guided learning assignments, and live webinar.

2010 Course Location

The face-to-face component of **REHAB 535: *The Nature of Pain*** will be taught at Corbett Hall located on the University of Alberta campus located in Edmonton, Alberta.

What is the cost of taking these courses

\$1500 per course

Can I use these credits towards obtaining a Masters Degree?

Yes, graduate level credits earned as part of the Certificate Program can contribute towards a Masters Degree (with approval of home Department).

For further information about courses and course registration, please contact:

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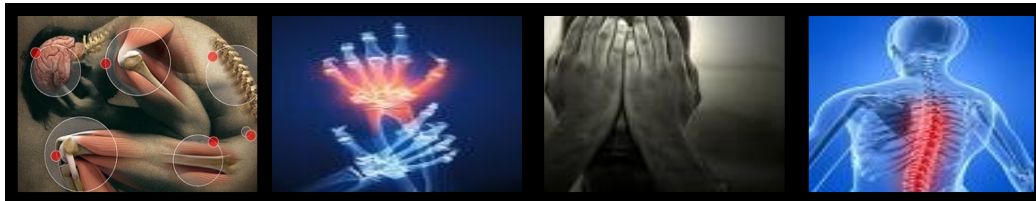
Links & Contact Information

For more detailed information on the program please visit the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine website at:
<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/rehabmed/painmanagement.cfm>.

To begin the application process for graduate admission, visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research website at:
<http://www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca/apply/onlineapplication.htm>

***All supporting documents including transcripts, letters of reference, and letter of intent must be mailed directly to the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.** Your references must also mail their reference letters directly to the Faculty. Please mail your documentation to: Shawn Drefs, Certificate Programs Coordinator, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta, 8205 114 Street, 3-47 Corbett Hall Edmonton AB, T6G 2G4

For more information about contributing, as Guest Faculty or Facilitator contact:
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Courses

A Certificate will be granted upon successful completion of three required graduate-level courses, as listed below.

Rehab 535: The Nature of Pain *3 (fi 6)(either term, spring/summer, 3-0-0)

Pain is a major factor impacting quality of life and will continue to become more so as the average lifespan increases. Understanding the multi-dimensional nature of pain and its broad impact is critical to applying best practice in its assessment and treatment. This course will explore the etiologies of various pain conditions, the prevalence of pain, as well as ethical issues, barriers, and facilitators to comprehensive assessment and treatment. A range of theoretical perspectives underlying the individual's experience of pain across the continuum from acute to complex/chronic will be presented. The role of interprofessional collaboration for pain management in the acute post-operative setting will be discussed. (This course is a pre-requisite for REHAB 536 and REHAB 537.)

Rehab 536: Assessment and Management of Pain*3 (fi 6)(either term, spring/summer, 3-0-0)

Knowledge Translation: Integrating evidence into practice. Building on foundations developed in Rehab 535, this course will present models of and approaches to assessment of and treatment for common pain conditions, with an emphasis on complex/chronic pain. The neural pathways / mechanisms subserving normal and pathological pain will be studied in depth as well as a critical view of translating these findings to clinical practice. Rationale for pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions will be reviewed. Participants will discuss best practice roles and evidence based roles and interventions for each of the health professionals involved in the collaborative interprofessional management of chronic pain. Pre-requisite: REHAB 535.

Rehab 537: Integrating and Implementing Pain Management Models *3 (fi 6)(either term, spring/summer, 3-0-0)

This course will provide an opportunity for students to integrate and apply information presented in REHAB 535 and 536 using standardized assignments with real and/or simulated patients as a base from which to develop an evidence-based, collaborative, interprofessional, assessment and treatment of chronic pain and disability. Pre-requisite: REHAB 535, 536.