

**“CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNICATION SKILLS TEACHING”  
A TWO DAY RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR EDUCATORS  
OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

**VENUE: MADINGLEY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, UK**  
**DATE: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011**  
**TIME: 9:00 AM Wednesday until 3:00 PM Thursday**  
**Maximum number of participants: 16**

We are delighted to announce a two-day residential course in Cambridge focusing on curriculum development in communication skills teaching. We are circulating this advertisement to all members of EACH: please forward this to any of your colleagues who might be interested.

The course is directed towards educators of health professional learners who wish to develop a new curriculum or extend an existing curriculum. It is suitable for educators of a variety of experience of curriculum development. **Please note, this course is not about facilitation skills or learning experiential communication skills teaching.** tEACH, the teaching committee of the European Association of Communication in Healthcare, also runs a separate two-day course on this subject and we hope to advertise the next experiential training course shortly, to occur in September 2011. Participants are welcome to attend both courses.

The course will be highly interactive and participant centred and will enable individual participants to formulate concrete plans for the future. It will be facilitated by the co-chairs of tEACH, Jonathan Silverman (Associate Clinical Dean, School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge) and Marcy Rosenbaum (Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Faculty Development Consultant, University of Iowa College of Medicine).

The proceedings will be held in English and as much as possible will accommodate participants for whom English is not their first language. We are also aware that different institutions in different countries will have varying resources in terms of available teachers, simulated patients and technology.

The primary focus will be on how to develop a curriculum suitable to the healthcare setting the participant operates within. The course will look at what to include in the curriculum and how to deliver, assess and evaluate the curriculum. As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to

- *apply relevant educational theory to designing effective communication skills curricula*
- *understand how to ensure learners master an increasing range of skills and retain them over time*
- *select and organise the core content of the communication curriculum*
- *tailor content in relation to their learners' needs*
- *select appropriate teaching methods for each component of the curriculum*
- *integrate communication with other clinical skills and the rest of the learners' programme*
- *develop formative and summative assessment methods suitable to their curriculum*
- *evaluate the curriculum*

We will create a safe supportive learning environment from the outset. To help achieve this, we are fortunate to be able to hold the course at Madingley Hall, which offers excellent conference facilities, accommodation and food in very relaxing surroundings.

Facilitators and participants will stay in residence at the Hall (Tuesday night and Wednesday night) and will be provided with all meals and refreshments (Wednesday and Thursday). A more detailed timetable will be sent at a later date but the course will run from **9:00 AM Wednesday until 3:00 PM Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011. The total cost to participants will be £475 (including VAT), inclusive of two nights accommodation and meals.**

Please complete the attached application form by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011. If anyone would like any more information, please contact Faith Rawley (contact details as below).

With best wishes

**tEACH train the trainers group**

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**FORENAME**.....

**ADDRESS**.....

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**TEL NUMBER**.....

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**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**.....

Please indicate as applicable:

**Undergraduate teacher / postgraduate teacher:**.....

**Health discipline of learners (medicine, nursing, physiotherapy etc):** .....

I would like to attend the course on Curriculum Development in Communication Skills Teaching to be held at Madingley Hall, Cambridge from 9:00 AM Wednesday until 3:00 PM Thursday, 31st August – 1st September, 2011

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We will send you details of how to pay the fee of £475 on receipt of this booking form. Payment will be necessary to confirm your place on the course.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 TO [fer24@medschl.cam.ac.uk](mailto:fer24@medschl.cam.ac.uk)**

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