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Innovative online training for supervisors and supervisees

An innovative online training program was launched today by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service’s (DDHHS) Cunningham Centre.

The Cunningham Centre, located at the DDHHS Baillie Henderson campus, is Queensland Health’s largest and most established registered training organisation.

Ms Annette Scott, DDHHS Executive Director Allied Health, said the new training packages had been designed to improve knowledge, competence and capability of supervision.

“We have used supervision in allied health for a number of years, and consider it to be a key tool in the professional development of clinicians,” Ms Scott said.

“These new training modules have been developed to cater to both the supervisor and the supervisee, and by that we are referring to the more senior clinician who is doing the supervising, and the junior clinician who is being supervised.

“The modules are interactive and they cater to a range of learning styles and they are applicable across the entire clinical workforce.

“I encourage our entire clinical workforce to have a look at the resources and make use of them in their supervisory practices.

“I would like to congratulate the Cunningham Centre for the development of these resources and I would like to say a special thank you to Priya Martin, an advanced clinical educator, who took the lead on the project.”

Ms Martin said the online modules provided a great deal of flexibility for learning.

“Staff who use the modules can do a part of the training, save what they’ve done and come back to do more training later on, so in that respect it allows staff to learn at their own pace,” Ms Martin said.

“The modules contain a variety of interactive checkpoints, quizzes and various activities designed to maintain the interest of the user.

“A major focus was to make the modules comprehensive, logical and easy to use, and so far the feedback we have received has been very positive so I think we have achieved that goal.

“In face-to-face workshops that use the same content we got very good feedback from nurses who had a go at using the modules.

“It showed that the modules do have applications beyond allied health, so that’s very exciting.”

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