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Mission, vision & objectives

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/healthsciences/Centre%20for%20Rehabilitation%20Studies/Pages/Mission,-vision---objectives.asp>

Mission

The Centre is a committed, co-ordinating and directive institution that aims at excellence in addressing the current need for advanced interdisciplinary studies, research and service in the disability and rehabilitation-related fields. This is achieved by education and training of health professionals, from a variety of backgrounds, to develop the necessary clinical decision-making, managerial, educational and research knowledge, skills and socio-political attitudes, to assume positions of consultancy and leadership within the Rehabilitation field. The Centre's mission is underpinned by the principles of the comprehensive primary health care approach and will be realized by working in collaboration with the disability and service sectors.

Vision

Enabling excellence in Rehabilitation through partnerships.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

A Management Committee manages the Centre. The members of this Committee are drawn from various divisions in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, other Faculties of the University of Stellenbosch, and from Disabled Peoples Organisations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee manages operational issues in the periods between Management Committee meetings.

Objectives

Research and development

The Centre conducts qualitative, quantitative and evaluating research in the fields of epidemiology of disablement and problem analysis, in order to facilitate community re-integration of persons with disabilities.

The Centre will make available the results of its research by means of publications, research papers, policy documents, seminars, continuing professional development courses and dissemination of research findings to stakeholders.

Teaching and learning in rehabilitation

The Centre is responsible for the development and delivery of undergraduate modules and postgraduate programmes in rehabilitation that can be used for the training of learners in rehabilitation and health-related professions by addressing the service needs and utilising the integrated teaching service platform.

Special attention is given to the development and delivery of rehabilitation-related continuing professional development and other educational programmes for health and health-related professions at all levels of health services and in the community.

Support Services

The Centre facilitates rehabilitation-related service programmes at all levels of health services and in the community in order to promote the re-integration of disabled persons in the home and work environments through research and teaching.

Collaboration

The Centre will collaborate with other faculties, disciplines and institutions of higher learning, disabled people's organizations, communities, NGO's and public and private health services and with any other relevant bodies.

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Vision

Forging disability inclusion in Africa

Mission

To generate assets, abilities and knowledge on disability inclusion with specific focus on youth in Africa within a global context.

The Division of Disability Studies in the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences was initiated in 2003 as the first of its kind on the African continent. This programme seeks to develop research capacity and academic leadership that will contribute to the understanding of disability in context, as an issue of social justice.