

The HealthFusion Team Challenge (HFTC) has proudly announced the launch of their first international collaborative project, working with the National Health Service (NHS) Education for Scotland (NES).

The NES hosted HFTC will be driven by academics from Scotland's Robert Gordon University (RGU), Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), St Andrews University and Australia's Central Queensland University (CQU), University of Southern Queensland (USQ) and The University of Queensland (UQ).

After operating at home for the last seven years, this is the first time the popular Australian university competition will be hosted overseas.

The inaugural 2013 event based in Scotland is planned as the forerunner to a four country event set to benefit health science students across the United Kingdom.

The project is part of a rapidly growing international movement to bring interprofessional education and practice into the mainstream university curriculum.

HFTC Project Director Associate Professor Monica Moran said immersive and interactive learning opportunities, such as the HFTC, represent the future of education for students studying in the health sciences.

"The World Health Organisation has identified interprofessional education and practice as an innovative strategy that will play an important role in mitigating the global health workforce crisis", AProf Moran said.

"Events such as the HFTC provide authentic learning for the students who are the future of our global health workforce".

A Scottish Challenge comes on the tail of the HFTC's successful joint collaboration involving Australian, Canadian and Japanese colleagues to host the 2012 2nd International Health Care Team Challenge in Kobe, Japan.

During the HFTC, students from a wide range of health professions work together in interprofessional teams to plan and present a management plan for a patient with complex needs.

The HFTC is based on a model first seen in Canada 25 years ago, but with a unique Australian competitive twist.

For more information on the upcoming Scottish HFTC, or the HealthFusion Team Challenge, visit www.healthfusionteamchallenge.com or contact the project team on hctc@uq.edu.au.