



HEALTHFUSION Team CHALLENGE

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Students tackle mental Case Study at 2016 Oz HFTC

Interprofessional student teams from across the country assembled in Brisbane yesterday for the annual Australian HealthFusion Team Challenge (Oz HFTC) - a competition for tertiary health students aimed at fostering their interprofessional teamwork skills.

Teams from Deakin University, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland battled it out at the day-long event, which featured a range of new activities designed to test teams on a number of key areas.

Prior to the event, teams spent four weeks working on a treatment plan in response to a complex case study which revolved around a military veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and his family.

Teams were required to present their patient management package before a live audience and a panel of esteemed judges who assessed their performance based on the HealthFusion judging rubric, which looks at key areas such as client centred practice, collaborative leadership, team functioning, communication and ethics.

Putting their teamwork skills to the test, teams took part in a full-day program of challenges, activities and extension questions which contributed to their running scores.

"In the real world, every team works differently and we wanted to test them not just on their ability to produce, but to think under pressure, and their ability to work creatively as a team", Dr Monica Moran, HealthFusion Directors, said.

Ultimately, Team University of Queensland was named the champion for the 3rd year running, making HealthFusion history. People's Choice went to Monash University, who were also named Runners Up.

The Oz HFTC is the first competition of its kind in Australia and is designed to educate the next generation of health practitioners in effective teamwork and interprofessional collaboration.

Those interested in fielding a team in the 2017 Oz HFTC can register their interest at www.healthfusionteamchallenge.com to receive updates and receive further information.



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