

Carol McKinstry

Dr Carol McKinstry is a registered occupational therapist. She was instrumental in setting up the La Trobe Rural Health Occupational Therapy Program in Bendigo and currently coordinates the program. She teaches a range of subjects including evidence-based practice, project management and coordinates the practice education placements for occupational therapy students including the innovative service learning community placement. In 2014, Carol was awarded a La Trobe University Teaching Citation for Student Learning. Carol currently supervises 8 higher degree students and her research interests are cancer rehabilitation, rural health workforce development, community engagement and practice education models. She gained her Ph.D. in 2008 investigating workplace learning for newly graduated occupational therapists. She is a sub-editor with the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal and a reviewer for a number of national and international occupational therapy and rural health journals. She chairs the Occupational Therapy Australia National Reference Group for Continuing Professional Development and the WFOT-OTA committee to ensure Australian occupational therapy programs comply with the minimum educational standards of the World Federation of Occupational Therapy. Carol is also on a number of community boards including the Rochester & Elmore District Health Service.