

ABSTRACT FROM THE STAR RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED (2009)

Title: Educating future health care professionals to support people with chronic conditions to live better and live longer

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Chronic care consumers repeatedly report that health and social care workers are delivering services that are not adequately meeting their needs. The nine health professional training programmes in NZ continue to be delivered in isolation of one another with little attention to the core competencies required of health professionals to work with chronic care consumers. The challenge of successfully managing chronic conditions provides an unprecedented opportunity to explore new models of health professional education. This innovative and unique study seeks to identify the needs of chronic care consumers both from their own perspective and from expert clinicians and further, identifies the core and discipline specific competencies for novice and advance practitioners. The resultant data will be analysed to identify the gaps in skill sets both at an interdisciplinary as well as uni-disciplinary level. The finding will significantly inform the manner by which we train our health professionals in the future.