

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Rupert Kerrell MSc BSc (Hons)

Rupert Kerrell is an Occupational Therapist registered with the Health Professions Council and graduated in 1998. He has worked in the NHS in the fields of neurology, neurosurgery, neurorehabilitation, geriatrics as well as care of the elderly. As a senior lecturer Rupert currently works at Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) teaching on the occupational therapy programme as well as other health and social care programmes. He supervises students completing dissertations at both undergraduate and MSc levels. Rupert was involved in the re-validation process at CCCU and is designing learning and teaching materials for a number of the modules on the programme.

When working clinically on the neurology rotation at St. George's Hospital in South London, Rupert worked with a wide range of conditions including stroke, brain injury, MS, PD and MND and with a wide range of patients from acute to rehabilitation. He has used a number of standardised assessments and is AMPS trained.

As part of his MSc in neurorehabilitation at Brunel University he investigated the correlation between severity of brain injury and occupational performance, as well as completing a number of modules assessing different research methods and techniques.

He is currently completing his post-graduate certificate in learning and teaching (PGCLT) and is using some of the theory taught in this programme with his normal students and his Harrison's participants.

Rupert is actively involved in research projects (currently looking at the benefit of using Appreciative Inquiry within an occupational therapy programme) and hopes to register for a PhD in 2011. His areas of interest include the cognitive effects of neurological conditions and their affect on occupational performance and sexual functioning / dysfunction.

For Harrison Training, Rupert teaches on a number of the neurology courses and has attended a number of CPD days studying adult learning. He has been on the National Executive Committee for the occupational therapy specialist section for neurological practice since 2004, in a number of roles including conference organiser and public relations officer.

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