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facts about physiotherapy and education



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There is a complex science behind effective teaching

There is a large body of literature that can assist in the development of strong clinical skills and performance, covering:

- clinical learning
- effective assessment of clinical skills
- workplace learning
- the role of simulation
- physiotherapy-specific assessment and learning
- the role of technical advances within education.

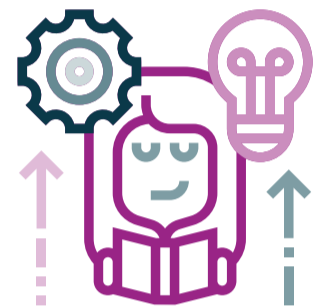


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Effective education is a skill that can be improved

Education skills can be built and developed by understanding that:

- learning is circular, requiring moments of concrete experience, reflective observation, abstract conceptualisation and active experimentation
- learners need multiple opportunities over time to fully demonstrate skill acquisition
- learners will be unsuccessful if the gap between current knowledge and required performance is too great
- performance improves when learners are given feedback and opportunities to integrate new knowledge.



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Being an educator is a key competency for Australian physiotherapists

Physiotherapists facilitate, both individually and through teams, the education of:

- students
- colleagues and co-workers
- clients
- others, including the public.



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Education skills provide vital support for early career physiotherapists

Supporting the transition from student to practitioner requires:

- setting realistic expectations for both early career physiotherapists and their employers
- strong pedagogical skills to continue the learning journey for new grads.



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Every physiotherapist is an educator

Physiotherapists provide education in many different forms, including:

- teaching clients about their conditions and exercise programs
- sharing knowledge with other professions
- supervising and mentoring junior staff and students
- advocating for the profession.



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