



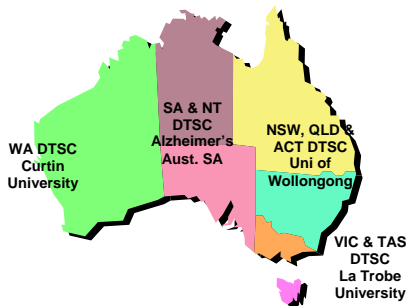
## THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN & NORTHERN TERRITORY DEMENTIA TRAINING STUDY CENTRE

### ROLE

The SA & NT Dementia Training Study Centre (DTSC) has been funded as part of the Australian Government's Dementia Training Study Centres for Health Professionals Project and is designed to develop the dementia skills of existing and future health care professionals.

### NATIONAL CENTRES

The SA & NT DTSC is one of four such Centres being developed nationally. Other Centres are:



### AIMS

With funding for 3 years the Centre aims to:

- develop and promote dementia curriculum,
- develop and promote dementia tertiary training resources,
- support teaching,
- liaise with key stakeholders,
- assist work placements and related activities,
- promote and manage dementia scholarships,
- participate in national forums, and
- work closely with Dementia Collaborative Research Centres and other training projects.

### CENTRE PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

As the lead organisation, Alzheimer's Australia SA Inc is proud to be working in partnership with the following organizations:

- Aged and Community Services SA & NT Inc
- Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
- Charles Darwin University
- ECH Inc
- Flinders University
- Masonic Homes Inc
- South Australian Government: Department of Health
- Southern Adelaide Health Service: Flinders Medical Centre
- The University of Adelaide
- University of South Australia

### WHO ARE THE CENTRE'S CLIENTS?

The Centre's clients are health professionals qualified and/or seeking to be qualified at a tertiary level. This target group includes nurses, general practitioners, medical specialists (eg geriatricians and psychiatrists), social workers, occupational and diversional therapists, psychologists and other allied health disciplines.

### APPROACH

Defining itself by its unique approach, the SA & NT DTSC will use a consumer based approach to determining what learning/teaching resources are required to train health professionals in order to improve the care and services of people with dementia and their carers.

### HOW THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED

The Centre will use three major mechanisms to facilitate its consumer based approach.

#### 1. Collaboration

Centre management activities will be influenced by the Centre's Project Advisory Group, meetings with its 10 partner organizations and other Project Reference Groups established to oversee specific projects of the centre.

#### 2. Resource Development & Delivery

The Centre will undertake a number of Special Projects that will involve: the development of undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum; professional development activities; case studies and problem based learning scenarios; facilitating work placements; and, developing teaching/learning resources such as interactive CD-Roms, on-line self directed study, and videos.

Centre resources will be developed to match the skills, experience, language, demographic, geographic, literacy and learning styles of students, including those from:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- rural and remote communities; and
- culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD).

Some resources will be multi-disciplinary and some discipline specific.

#### 3. Dementia Needs Analysis

To ensure a consumer based approach, the Centre will undertake a Dementia Needs Analysis Survey in its first year to inform the development of dementia related education and training resources.