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Election of Members to the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU

Candidate: Caroline Hills

Registration No: OT018917

County of Practice: Galway

Nominated in Category: Category 3: Registrant engaged in the education and training of persons in the practice of the profession

Personal Statement/ Biography:

Carol(ine) has been an occupational therapist for nearly 40 years. She has worked in the UK, Ireland, and Australia both as clinician, manager and lecturer. Carol is currently lecturer over the bar and practice education co-coordinator at National University of Ireland, Galway. She is responsible for all practice education and case study modules. Carol also delivers a communication for practice course where students' skills are assessed via an objective structured clinical examination (OCSE).

Carol interests are practice education, teaching and learning, evidencing competence, and technology in practice. Her PhD thesis was titled 'Are contemporary practice environments conducive to the learning needs and preferences of "Generation Y" Occupational Therapy students?' Carol has 16 publications in academic journals, two book chapters and 60 presentations at national and international conferences.

Carol is currently chair of the Practice Educators Coordinators Network (PECNET) an interprofessional, interuniversity group. Carol is leading on a national project funded by the Health and Social Care Professions Office of the HSE on the development of national quality framework for practice education for health and social care professionals with associated quality audit tools.

Carol is editor in chief of the Irish Journal of Occupational Therapy, an open access journal provided by the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland. Carol is a registered expert with the Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (COTEC) and the European Network of – Occupational Therapy in Higher Education (ENOTHE). Carol is an occupational therapy program accreditor for World Federation of Occupational Therapists.