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Therapy Students From Across the Nation Flock to Bakersfield for an Advanced Neurorehabilitation Internship at Centre for Neuro Skills®

Bakersfield, CA (August 13, 2008) –To many Americans, Bakersfield is just another town on the map. However, for therapy students looking to fulfill their fieldwork internship required for graduation, Bakersfield is the place to be.

Each year, universities from across the nation send eager therapy students to one of three Centre for Neuro Skills® (CNS) locations to complete a unique and challenging internship program that the brain injury rehabilitation facility offers.

The internship program was created in 1985 and has since grown to be a popular choice among therapy students looking to build a foundation in brain injury rehabilitation. The interdisciplinary internship allows students to shadow a client, providing them with the opportunity to not only hone skills in their discipline of study, but also gain exposure to all the therapeutic disciplines involved in a brain injury rehabilitation program, including speech, occupational, and physical therapies. This unique experience gives students the opportunity to understand how each discipline works together, necessary for a successful recovery from a life changing brain injury.

“Working so closely with other disciplines has helped me gain a better understanding of the client as an individual and his/her needs across various domains,” said Laurel Coffey of University of New Hampshire. “Not only has it helped me better understand the puzzle of the human brain, but it also has helped me plan more effective treatment sessions.”

In addition to the students’ exposure to clinic fieldwork, they also gain the unique experience of working with clients in a home setting at the CNS Centre Village apartments. Unlike other internships, CNS experience challenges students to work beyond the clinic walls, helping clients relearn necessary activities of daily living, which are necessary for a successful discharge.

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“Experience is the best teacher and this facility (CNS) offers a wealth of experience,” said Erin Clougherty from Ithaca College in New York. “The clinicians here are excellent role models to learn from and the team approach used here is the best model I have seen and is preparing me well for my career in physical therapy.”

This year, a total of 19 students have either participated in CNS’s internship program, or attended therapies to observe and learn from the highly successful, individualized brain injury rehabilitation programs CNS offers. The internship program runs from 6 to 12 weeks, depending on individual universities requirements, with 11 students completing their fieldwork internship program at CNS’s Bakersfield location.

Founded in 1980, Centre for Neuro Skills® (CNS) is an experienced and trusted source of rehabilitation programs for acquired brain injury. With facilities in Bakersfield and Los Angeles, California, and Dallas, Texas, CNS offers intensive, cost-effective, and outcome-driven residential, outpatient, and in-home rehabilitation programs for individuals recovering from all types of acquired brain injury. The purpose of all rehabilitation programs at CNS is to reduce disabilities while obtaining the maximum independence and best quality of life in the least restrictive setting for our clients within the realities of the funding support available.

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