



## **Certificate in Stroke Rehabilitation**

Stroke rehabilitation reduces disability, increases function and improves the quality of life of stroke survivors. It also helps to reduce the costs associated with stroke. Health care providers have called for continuing education on current evidence and best-practices in stroke rehabilitation to increase their effectiveness and efficiency in helping stroke survivors to regain function and participate fully in their home and community lives.

As such, in early 2009, the Alberta Stroke Council (ASC) approved a funding partnership with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine to develop an interdisciplinary **Certificate in Stroke Rehabilitation**. The Certificate is made up of three 3-credit graduate level courses including:

REHAB 540: Stroke Rehabilitation: Best Practice and Critical Review of the Evidence (3 credits)

REHAB 541: The Stroke Survivor: Assessment and Rehabilitation across the Continuum of Care (3 credits)

REHAB 542: Advancing Practice in Stroke Rehabilitation (3 credits)

This initiative is being developed to meet some of the needs that rehabilitation professionals have expressed for high quality continuing education opportunities that can be implemented through flexible, distance frameworks. Look for the first of the **Certificate in Stroke Rehabilitation** courses to be launched in 2010.

For more information on this or other certificate programs being offered, please contact Shawn Drefs at: (780) 492-9050 or e-mail at [sdrefs@ualberta.ca](mailto:sdrefs@ualberta.ca). Continuing education opportunities can also be viewed by visiting the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine's website at: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/rehabmed/continuinged.cfm>.

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