

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 2.
PG AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCE
REHAB ASSOCIATION REPORTS – 2018 – 2019

RCI INSPECTION

04.07.2018

Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) visiting faculties Mr. Dr. Sunish T.V., from CRC, Kerala and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, CRC Nellore, Secunderabad inspected the training facilities of the D.Ed SE-MR course on 4th July 2018 for extension of approval according to RCI norms. The inspectors were inspired about the training activities carried on. The Course was approved extension for Five year till 2023 as the result of the inspection.

Workshop on Handwriting Remediation, Touch Math And Mental Math

20.07.2018

On a workshop handwriting remediation, touch math and mental math was conducted on 20th July 2018. Nearly 90 undergraduate and post graduate students of Rehabilitation Science were the participants of the program. Mr. Joseph Prabhu. E, Occupational Therapist, Care and Special Education Indian School, Muscat, Oman and Mrs. Hema. M, Special Educator, Care and Special Education Indian School, Muscat, Oman were the resource persons of the program.

The program started at 9.00 am with a formal prayer service and welcome address. The first session was handled by Mr. Joseph Prabhu. He discussed on the components of good hand functions which includes muscle tone, muscle tone, proximal stability, volunteer motor control, visual motor control, nerve innervations and bilateral integration. He also spoke about Handwriting without Tears curriculum which is drawn from years of innovation and research to provide developmentally appropriate, multisensory strategies for early writing. The program follows research of how children learn best and includes materials that address all styles of learning.

The Touch Math method of instruction was taught by Mrs. Hema. It bridges the gap between abstract and concrete concepts. Instead of giving the student limited opportunities to master a skill, the TouchMath Program gives the student multiple, meaningful repetitions to truly understand the concept. TouchMath also incorporates the strategy of scaffolding (using supports to promote learning) so that the student can have success with math immediately without feeling frustrated. Finally the workshop came to an end by 4.30 pm after the feedback session.

JOSEPH EYE HOSPITAL VISIT REPORT

10th, 11th September 2018

On 10th and 11th September 2018 Post Graduate, Diploma students and I year Under Graduate students from PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science had an exposure visit to Joseph Eye Hospital respectively. The main motto of this visit was to know the various prevailing eye diseases which lead to low vision and blindness. They also acquired the knowledge about vision rehabilitation processes for pediatric and geriatric. The visit gave an insight to the students in the field of vision rehabilitation.



SIGNING OF MOU 18.09.2018



The PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. On 18th September 2018 The goal of this cooperation is to foster collaboration, provide opportunity for training and awareness creation, and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best efforts, mutual benefit, and frequent interactions. The program was presided over by Rev. Dr. (Sr.) Niranjana Anthonysamy, Secretary of the College amidst the presence of Dr. (Sr.) Lourdu Mary, Head of the Department and Dr.. N. Manimegalai, the Head of the Department of Women's Studies. The programme began with the invocation of the Lords presence thru prayer followed by the formal welcoming of the dignitaries, the faculty and students by Rev.Sr.Lourdumary. Dr. P. Swarna Kumari, Associate professor in Rehabilitation Science briefed on the significance of this mutual agreement and also highlighted a few proposed activities between the two institutions. Rev. Sr.Niranjana and Dr. N. Manimekalai rendered their words of felicitation and wished that this collaborative venture takes off to greater success with the proposed activities. Ms. N.Murugeswari, the key initiator of this collaborative agreement also rendered her words of felicitation and also highlighted the vision and mission with which this MOU would be made operational. As the first act of our collaborative venture Professor Murugeswari delivered a special invited talk on Social Media Addiction Among the Youth and also emphasized on the ways and means to do away with the same. The inaugural program finally came to a close with the formal word of Thanks proposed by Dr. A. Turin Martina, Associate Professor in Rehabilitation Science followed by the singing of the Rehab Anthem..

WORKSHOP ON IEP AND LESSON PLANNING

19-09.2018

The II year Post Graduate and the III year Under Graduate students from the Department of Rehabilitation Science attended a workshop on IEP and Lesson planning on 19th September 2018, at the Rehab Auditorium. Ms. Sindhu Pradeep , Director , PRAVAAG Transitional Centre , Trichy was the Resource person. Amidst Dr.P.Swarnakumari and Dr.A.Turin Martina, the staff Co-coordinators of the workshop , the program began with a short prayer and a formal word of welcome by the students of II M. Sc Rehabilitation Science.

Objectives of the Workshop:

- To prepare the IEP on Individual basis for CWNS in a special schools and inclusive set ups
- To formulate the short term goal and long term goal in the varied domain areas
- To develop the ADL Activities in CWSN
- To enhance the child's functional academic skills
- To improve the children's behavioral deficits through individual intervention

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORKSHOP:

The Resource person Ms. Sindhu oriented us on the following topics

- I. Introduction of IEP
- II. How to prepare the IEP - steps in the preparation of IEP and also
- III. Shared her own experiences in the process of preparing IEPs and Lesson plans

The resource person also highlighted the various domain areas that warrant educational planning. The areas include:

- Personal care
- Orientation and Mobility
- Communication
- Behavioral issues
- Social issues

Following the theoretical inputs , the participants were practically engaged in preparing IEP's and Lesson plans and the students had their practical orientation on IEP Preparation at Pravaag special centre the next day. They were placed in the classrooms and were each assigned a individual child for whom the needs assessment was done and the appropriate IEP was prepared. The workshop came to a close with question and feedback session and a formal vote of thanks to the resource person by the III B.Sc students.

Skill Learnt:

- ✓ Acquired and learnt the skills in
- ✓ formulating IEP's and preparing lesson plan
- ✓ Preparing resourceful teaching learning materials for CWSN

Conclusion:

Thus, their workshop was theoretically enlightening and practically useful to the students on Individualized Educational Programming and Lesson Planning for Children with Special Needs.

VISIT BY SWEDEN INTERNS**15.10.2018**

Four students from Sweden had an exposure visit to the PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science on 15.10.2018. Alice Johansson, Maja Andersson, Laura Karlsson, Julia Nilsson, who were undergoing their undergraduate programme in Social Work reached the dept. at 10.30 a.m. They were welcomed and provided an initial orientation by Dr. Sheila Christopher, Associate Professor of the department. They met and had a meeting with all the staff of the department. Later all of them visited HEPSN, Rainbow therapeutic Unit, Blossoms Special School, Thai Suvai, Youth 4 Jobs and various projects and activities of the department. They also had an interactive session with the students of the department. They were greatly impressed by the activities of the department.

Contributions of Bharat Ratna Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam towards Empowerment of Persons with Different Abilities**15.10.2018**

15th October 2018 was indeed a special day as we fondly remembered India's eleventh president DR A.P.J Abdul Kalam. This year the PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science and the Department of Women's Studies has taken the pride to commemorate this legendary presidents birth anniversary to spread his vision and mission especially amongst the youth by organizing a one day seminar to make known his contributions especially for the needy and the differently abled. The program was presided over by Mr. K. Natarajan IBS, Programme Director, All India Radio, Tiruchirappalli amidst the galaxy of the two eminent special invitees Sigaram Sathish Kumar, Writer & coordinator Kalviyaalar Sangamam And Dr.S.Sakul Ameen

M.A.,M.Phil.,D.Litt, Executive Officer – Ponnampatty Panchayat, Thuvankurichi. The Heads of the two departments namely Dr. (Sr.) LOURDUMARY Head-PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli-2 and Prof. N. Manimekalai, Director and Head Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli-23 presided over the Inaugural Function. . The formal welcoming of the dignitaries, the faculty and students was done by Prof. N. Murugeswari, The Organizing Secretary of the one day seminar. This was followed by the presentation of memento to the Chief guest and the special invitees. The hallmark of the one day seminar was the visual display of the Kalam Anthem which indeed brought to light the multi faceted and the multi faros roles Dr. Kalam has devoted himself and this indeed was a very inspiring and emotional moment to the participants and all others gathered for the one day seminar. Dr. N. Manimekalai, was entrusted with the role of delivering the key note address in which she tried to bring out the contributions of Kalam to the needy and the down trodden apart from his innovations and discoveries in space science . Rev. Sr. Lourdumary. Head and Associate professor in Rehabilitation Science rendered the felicitations and recollected the departmental activities that were embarked on the principles that Dr. Abdul Kalam always preached and practiced.

In the presidential address Mr. Natarajan, the chief guest of the day gave a very enlightening speech that captivated the minds and hearts of the youngsters . Following the break the much awaited lecture by Mr. Sakul Ameen kindled the interest and enthusiasm of the participants. To break the monotony of the lecture series , there was the distribution of 100 tulsi saplings to the special kids of Blossoms opportunity school and all other participants to mark the significance of this indispensable plant that is a great boon to environment. Ms. Muthamil Selvi, founder Pasumai Thaiyayagam, was the special invitee to do the honours. Last but never the least, the valedictory lecture was delivered by writer Sigaram Satish Kumar. The concluding remarks was rendered by the organizing secretary in which she recapitulated the proceedings of the entire day and also felicitated and awarded the significant achievers for their laudable and commendable contribution to different sections of the society all devoted and dedicated for the disabled , the needy and the down trodden .The certificates were then distributed to the participants and the one day seminar came to close with formal vote of thanks by Dr. Joicey .P.Manickam., associate professor followed by the national anthem .

EXPOSURE VISIT BY AUSTRALIAN INTERNS

26.11.2018

As a part of their educational trip 15 Students 2 Professors from Curtin University, Western Australia visited the PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science on 26.11.2018. The students were from Social Work, Special Education Nutrition & Dietics and Occupational Therapy departments. They were welcomed and provided an initial orientation by Dr. Sr. Lourdu Mary, Head of the Department. They had a meeting with all the staff members of the department. Collaborative programs like students interaction session, international workshop and MOU signing was discussed during the meet. Later all of them visited HEPSN, Rainbow therapeutic Unit, Blossoms Special School, Thai Suvai, Youth 4 Jobs and various projects and activities of the department. They were greatly impressed and commented on the various activities of the department in comparison with their practices.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL PRACTICES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

05.12.2018

A one day International Workshop on Global Practices in Special Education and Rehabilitation was conducted on 5th December 2018. 2 Professors Dr. Katherine Elliot, Chair, Kids Rehab Wings & Occupational Therapist and Dr. Margaret Pickup, Professor, Special Education, Curtin University and 15 students of special education and therapeutic studies from Curtin University, Western Australia served as the resource persons. 100 Students from Rehabilitation Science and Audiology eagerly participated in the workshop. The workshop started with a prayer service by the Audiology students. Ms. Sathya Rekha, III B.Sc Rehab welcomed the gathering. Dr. Sr. Lourdu Mary, Head of the Department, PG & Research Dept. of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College felicitated the gathering and presented the memento to the delegates. Various topics like Best practice in handling Children with Cerebral Palsy, Enhancing the involvement of Parents in Rehabilitation programs, Play activities and diet for Children with Cerebral Palsy and other children with Disabilities was discussed in Detail. All the student actively participated in the session and the workshop came to an end with feedback session.

WORKSHOP O EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

17.01.2019

The Workshop on Effective Communication Skills was organized on 17 January 2019 for the II year B.R.Sc graduates .The Resource person was Ms. P.Premakumari , Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, St.Joseph’s College (Autonomous),Tiruchirapalli. The Objectives of the workshop was to define and understand communication and the communication process,to list and overcome the filters/barriers in the communication process, Practice active listening and Tips to improve verbal and non verbal communication. The session was very interactive and students participated with great enthusiasm and interest.

WORKSHOP ON TRADITIONAL HOME FOODS FOR UNDER GRADUATE STUDENTS

23.01.2019

The PG and Research department of Rehabilitation Science received Bamboo Grant from The United Board for Christian Higher Education in the year 2018-2019 with the aim to train undergraduate students and adult students with disability along with their mothers on traditional healthy home foods and to establish entrepreneurial start-ups. To fulfil this aim, two workshops were conducted for the undergraduate students on 23rd January 2019 and 4th March on how to prepare traditional home foods. In this workshop the resource person Dr.Sheila Christopher, Associate Professor and Ms. Sasikala , Assistant Professor trained the students on how to make Eggless Ragi Chocolate cake, Kambu Urudai ,Millet Cutlet, Millets Kara Kuzhi Paniyaram. 30 undergraduate students benefitted by this training programme.

The PG and Research department of Rehabilitation Science took initiative to start revive “Thai Suvai” (Mothers Empowerment Project) an income generating programme for mothers of children with special needs from Holy Cross Blossoms Opportunity School. In this programme the mothers prepare fresh idli, dosa batter is prepared for sale and cut vegetables are also sold by them within the college campus. With the bamboo grant “THAI SUVAI” provides skill based hands-on training for preparing Traditional Healthy Home Food.

WORKSHOP ON COUNSELING PROCESS

31.01.2019

Dr. Sr. Catherine Savarimuthu, Counsellor & Psychotherapist, Head ,Department of Psychology was the Resource person for the Workshop on The Counselling Process conducted

for the II year Rehab students on 31.01.2019. The contents of the Workshop was focused on the Types and Approaches of Counseling, Qualities and Professional Ethics of a Counselor, Steps involved in the Process of Counseling and the differences between Guidance and Counselling. Real life examples and Case studies were discussed and Role plays were also enacted to facilitate understanding of the concepts. The students were highly motivated and the session was participatory in nature.

COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENTS ON MAKING TRADITIONAL HOME FOODS

04.02.2019

Based on the training which was conducted on 23rd January 2019, competitions were conducted for the undergraduate students on preparing traditional home foods. 25 students participated in the competitions and prepared various items using millets, grains etc. Prizes were given for the students.

ALUMNAE MEET REPORT “SANTHIPOMA 2019”

09.02.2019

The alumnae meet of the PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science “Santhipoma 2019” was held on 9th February 2019. Nearly 35 alumnae of various batches from different places participated in the alumnae meet. Rev. Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal of the college headed the program. The program started with the prayer service and welcome address. Report of the general alumnae meet was read and various efforts taken by the college to strengthen the alumnae association was informed to the participants. All the alumnae shared their experiences both about their college life and work experience to the audience. Sister Principal felicitated the gathering and gave a small moment to all the participants. The program came to an end with the vote of thanks by the alumnae in charge of the department.

WORKSHOP EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND INTERVENTION FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED

26.02.2019

The II year Under Graduate students and the students of DSE- MR from the Department of Rehabilitation Science attended a workshop on Educational Planning And Intervention For The Intellectually Disabled On 26 February 2019 At The Rehab Auditorium. Ms. Praveena Carmel, Director, Dolphin & Seagull Transitional Centre and Special School, Trichy was the Resource person. With the guidance of the staff co-ordinators Dr. P. Swarnakumari and Ms.

Shrimathi, the programme began with a short prayer and a formal word of welcome. The Resource person oriented the students on the concept, significance and the process of educational planning and intervention. Practical tips were shared on How to prepare the IEP - steps in the preparation of IEP and also she shared her own experiences in the process of preparing IEPs and Lesson plans, the resource person also highlighted the various domain areas that warrant educational planning. The workshop came to a close with question and feedback session and a formal vote of thanks to the resource person by the II B.Sc student. Thus, the workshop was an enriching experience to provide theoretical and practical knowledge on Educational Programming and Planning for Children with Special Needs.

WORKSHOP ON COUNSELLING THERAPIES

01.03.2019

A one day workshop on Counselling Therapies was held on 1st March 2019 for the students of II B.R.Sc from 9.00 a. m to 4.00 p.m. Ms. Jasmine, Student Counsellor, St. Joseph's College was the resource person. She spoke on various counseling therapies and Theories like Gestalt Therapy, Pyscho Analysis, Eric Erikson Theory, Psycho social development etc. She also explained the role of the counselor while providing the therapies. Demonstration on administration of various testing and counseling procedures was done. Students were also provided activities to develop skills on the above mentioned topics. The workshop came to an end with feedback session.

WORKSHOP ON PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS

01.03.2019

A one day workshop on prosthetics and Orthotics was held on 1st March 2019 for the students of I M.R.Sc. Mr. TamilSelvan, Orthorist, Jeyam Orthotic Centre was the resource person. He elaborated on the fundamentals of Comprehensive Rehabilitation and the role of orthotic and prosethic devices. He also explained the advantages of various assistive devices and its benefits to different people with Special Needs. Students also had an exposure visit to the Orthotic and Prosthetic centre to gain more knowledge and understanding of the morning session. The workshop came to an end with the question and feedback session.

WORKSHOP ON GENETIC AND CHROMOSOMAL ANOMALIES RELATED TO MENTAL RETARDATION

05.03.2019

A workshop on Genetic and Chromosomal Anomalies Related To Mental Retardation was organized on 5 March 2019 by the faculty in charge Dr. P. Swarnakumari. MS. A. Bhuvanewari, our illustrious alumina currently working as Senior Counsellor At Chellamal Vidyashram ,was the Resource person . The focus of the workshop was on to educate and sensitize the students of I UG Rehabilitation science on the etiology , characteristics, problems and rehabilitation management of the various disorders that have a significant impact on their well being . A total of 39 enthusiastic students participated in the one day program and were enlightened on the need for holistic health care and rehabilitation for children with special needs afflicted with genetic and chromosomal disorders. The one day program was a resourceful event with theoretical explanations supplemented with audio video inputs helped the participants get a clear and thorough knowledge on genetic and chromosomal anomalies.

WORKSHOP ON SCHEMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

05.03.2019

A One day workshop on Legal Provision for Persons with Disabilities was held on 5th March 2019 for all the students of Rehabilitation Science. Mr. Ravi Chandran, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Tiruchirappalli District was the Chief Guest and Resource Person. The program started with the formal prayer service and welcome address. Dr. Sr. Lourdu Mary , Head of the Department presented the memento to the Chief Guest. In the chief guest address he elaborated on various Government schemes and concession for persons with disability and process of availing these benefits. He also clarified the various queries of the students. He also distributed prizes for the prize winners of YES YOU CAN event and other prizes for Rehab association activities. The program came to end with the vote of thanks. All the student were greatly benefited by the workshop.

REHAB ASSOCIATION

30.06.2018

A business meeting of the Rehab Association for the academic year 2017 – 2018 was held on 30th June 2018. The meeting started with a prayer service and Dr. Sheila Christopher, Associate Professor gave a small introduction about the various activities of the Association. Miss. Sathya Rekha of III B.Sc was selected as the association secretary. A student from each class was chosen as member representatives. Finally the meeting ended with the Rehab Anthem.

INAUGURATION OF REHAB ASSOCIATION/ REHAB WINGS

06.07.2018

The inauguration of Rehab Association/ Rehab Wings was held on 6th July 2018. The program started with a prayer service by the students of III B.Sc. Ms. Sathya Rekha of III B.Sc, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Kingsley Jebakumar, Pediatrician, Kingsleys Kid's Clinic, Trichy was the Chief guest. In his address he motivated the students to update their knowledge and focus on their goals. He also shared his life experiences. Then the newly elected leaders of Rehab Association and Rehab wings were installed with their responsibilities and badges by the chief guest. Dr. Sheila Christopher Associate Professor addressed the students and spoke about the various activities that are to be carried out this year. Ms. Alice of I M.Sc Rehab delivered the vote of thanks. The association meeting ended with the Rehab Anthem.

WORKSHOP ON TIME MANAGEMENT

23.08. 2018

A session on Time Management was held for the students by Dr. Sheila Christopher. Time management lessons with an in-depth discussion of the important time management skills, techniques, and activities were taught. This workshop also taught the skills one needed for a happy and successful career; Good decision making skills is the foundation for life and time management skills and therefore information on decision making skills were discussed. Ability to eliminate procrastination and laziness is among the most important time management skills to learn. The students were taught to identify the causes and reasons for procrastination and start overcoming it now.

“YES YOU CAN” EVENT

27.08.2018– 07.09.2018

The PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science conducted an inter-class cultural and literary competition “YES YOU CAN” EVENT” from 27.08.2018– 07.09.2018. Various individual and group Competitions were organized like poetry writing, Caption, Storytelling, Dumb Charade, Photography, Poster making, Street Play & Variety Particular staffs of the department were invited as the judges of various programmes respectively. For each Competition, two students from any class were made In charge. The Overall winners of the “Yes you Can” event were the III UG class

WORKSHOP ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT

11.09.2018

A One day/Workshop on Writing Project/Proposal was held on 11 September 2018. The program started with the prayer service by the students of I MSc students. Prof. Antony Stephan, Head, Department of Social Work was the resource person. The post graduate students of Rehabilitation Science were the participants. A brief introduction about writing project proposals and role of projects in successful NGO management was given to the students.

The entire session was lively, with group discussion and role plays. Initially students were given activities to find the correct problem and develop objectives for a project. Later they were asked to select a topic from the chosen problem and develop a project proposal in detail. Students were marked for their writing. All the participants were highly motivated and had a fruitful experience. Workshop was concluded with the feedback session.

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SWEDISH INTERNS

15.10. 2018

An interactive session was held with student trainees from Sweden on 15.10.2018. These four students namely, Alice Johansson, Maja Andersson, Laura Karlsson, Julia Nilsson, who were undergoing their undergraduate programme in Social Work took special interest to interact and know more details about services for children with special needs in India. This informative session was very useful for the students of Rehabilitation science, because it served as an eye opener to them regarding services offered in Sweden.

WORKSHOP ON AN OVERVIEW OF LEARNING DISABILITIES

30.11.2018

On 30 November 2018, A One Day workshop on An Overview of Learning Disabilities was held The Resource Person was Mrs. Nageswari Ph.D Research Scholar. The Workshop dealt with the following Sub-topics. *Early Identification of L.D., *Common problems in L.D., *Signs and Symptoms of L.D and Intervention. This workshop was very informative. She explained about the difference between the Learning Disability and the slow learners too. The workshop was enriching as it shared details about the Revised Law of Person with Disability Act (PWD), Teachers from different schools and students from the Department of Rehabilitation Science participated. She also narrated her own experiences with learning disabled children to help the teachers understand the difficulties they go through. She described some innovative teaching methods that could be employed by the teachers to address the needs of differently

abled learners. She also provided the teachers with hand-outs containing resources and ideas that they could implement in their daily teaching. The workshop greatly enhanced the teachers' knowledge and understanding of children with learning disabilities.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON A CREATIVE APPROACH TO STRATEGIC THINKING – USING CREATIVITY TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

01.12.2018

A One Day Workshop on A Creative Approach to Strategic Thinking – using creativity to think outside of the box was held for all the students of Rehabilitation Science on 01.12.2018. This inspiring Workshop is suitable for anyone who wants to boost their creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills. Creative thinking can be applied to jobs, business or personal projects. Many tools and techniques that can be put into practice instantly were dealt with during the workshop. The resource person was Dr. Christopher Abraham. The entire session was very enjoyable and enlightening. Many different activities were given to the students to solve on the spot and kindle their curiosity. Thought provoking videos were shown, thus stimulating their thinking and creativity.

A RENDEZVOUS WITH CURTIN UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

03.12.2018

Curtin University is Western Australia's largest and most culturally diverse university with Australia's third largest international student population. An innovative approach towards teaching and research has been the hall mark of Curtin. The campuses are vibrant, welcoming spaces that value diversity and difference, emphasize industry connections and practical learning, have a strong commitment to social justice, and foster a forward-thinking culture for students, staff and the wider community. Curtin is ranked in the top one per cent of universities worldwide in the highly regarded Academic Ranking of World Universities 2018. Curtin has been ranked in the top 100 of the world's leading institutions for growth in high-quality science, in the top three in Asia Pacific by the Nature Index 2016. Rising Stars supplement and in the top 10 academic institutions in Australia by the Nature Index 2018. Accompanied by two professors a team of fifteen students visited the Department of Rehabilitation Science and went around the campus

and the facilities and services that the department offers. A One Day Workshop with the professors and students has been planned for 05.12.2018 at the Rehab Auditorium.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR LEARNING DISABILITY **21.01.2019**

The PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College organized A One Day workshop on Interventions for Learning Disability on 21.01.2019 at *Athma Institute for Mental Health- Happy Kids for Learning Difficulties*. The I M.R.Sc. Students attending this workshop and the Resource Person was Dr. Manasi. She gave a detailed presentation of the causes and types of Learning disabilities. The second session was highly informative, where intervention strategies were expalied in detail. Upon completion the students developed an awareness of the logistics involved of working with students with learning disabilities, as well as an understanding of assessment practices, learning styles and behavioural characteristics of students with learning disabilities. Dr. Manasi also discussed the various tools and resources that are available for teachers.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON DIFFERENTIAL INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITY **20.02.2019**

The PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College organized A One Day workshop on Differential Instruction for Children with Learning Disability on 20.02.2019 at *Pravaag Transitional Center and School for Children with Autism*. The I M.R.Sc. Students attended this workshop and the Resource Person was Ms. K.Geetha, Chief Academic Consultant. Children with learning disabilities have diverse difficulties, often hidden or subtle, that affect learning throughout life. There is great variability among students with learning disabilities This workshop provided suggestions teachers can use to meet the needs of students with learning disabilities in the regular classroom. Information included: • characteristics of students with learning disabilities • role of self-advocacy • planning for transition • planning for instruction • instructional strategies • accommodations • assessment. Ms. Geetha Stressed the importance of assisting students with learning disabilities and said that it is important to understand the types of difficulties that may be experienced in senior high school, the role of

self-advocacy, potential instructional strategies and accommodations, and alternative assessment strategies were also presented. Hands-on activities were the hallmark of the workshop.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERY OF PSYCHOLOGY

21.02.2019

The PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College organized A One Day workshop on Unravelling the Mystery of Psychology on 21.02.2019. The IIB.R.Sc. Students attended this workshop and the Resource Person was Dr. Anita Sharon, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Holy Cross College. Psychology is a broad field that encompasses the study of human thought, behavior, development, personality, emotion, motivation, and more. Gaining a richer and deeper understanding of psychology can help people achieve insights into their own actions as well as a better understanding of others. Dr. Anita stressed that Psychology is both an applied and academic field that studies the human mind and behavior. She spoke about how research in psychology seeks to understand and explain how we think, act, and feel. psychologists seek to understand many different aspects of the human mind and behavior, adding new knowledge to our understanding of how people think as well as developing practical applications that have an important impact on everyday human lives. It was a very informative and interesting workshop for the students.

WORKSHOP ON SENSORY INTERVENTIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

01.03.2019

A one Day Workshop on Sensory Interventions for Children with Special Needs was conducted in the Department of Rehabilitation Science on 01.03.2019. The workshop was attended by the III B. Sc. Rehabilitation Science students with Dr. Sheeba Swarnarajam as the resource persons. [Sensory](#) integration is the process by which we receive information through our senses, organize this information, and use it to participate in everyday activities. As they grow, children learn how to take in and process all this sensory information at the same time, and focus their attention on particular sensations while ignoring others. Some children have difficulties receiving and processing incoming sensations, making everyday tasks at home and at school frustrating.

Some basic rules for helping a child through meltdowns: managing a child's meltdowns by modeling respect and empathy, and searching for the cause of a meltdown was given. Different types of meltdowns require different approaches. It was a very informative workshop with practical hands on experience.