

# SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS TO EXPERIENCE SUCCESS AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS



INFORMATION EVENING  
FOR EDUCATION, THERAPY & DISABILITY PROFESSIONALS

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION—COMPLEX COMMUNICATION NEEDS**

## *Scholarship Opportunity*

**Please join us to discuss the Graduate Certificate unit content, experiences of students and outcomes as experienced by schools.**

In Semester 2, 2019, the unit 'Positive Behaviour Support for Students with Complex Needs' will be available as part of the graduate certificate.

Developmental Disability WA and Microboards Australia have been working with Edith Cowan University and a specialist reference group to establish a unit that reflects contemporary thinking and practice. Fundamentally the course aims to equip Educators and Therapists with the skills to better understand what influences students to behave in challenging ways and how they can respond in ways to support the wellbeing of the student and others. The role of prevention and skill development is at the core of this unit along with building insight towards what students may be experiencing.

**Please attend to find out more about the Scholarship Opportunity available to enrol in the Graduate Certificate in 2019.**

**Presentations by**  
**Dr John O'Rourke, Laura Jones & Debbie Lobb—ECU**  
**Linda Lane, Principal—Durham Road School**

**TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019 6.00—7.00PM**

**TESTIMONIAL**—Last year I was very fortunate to complete the first Graduate Certificate in Special Education: Complex Communication Needs course offered in Australia at Edith Cowan University in Western Australia. As an occupational therapist working in the field of paediatrics and disability, completing this graduate certificate has been a wonderful opportunity to discover and learn more about the beautiful world of AAC (Augmentive and Alternative Communication)! It has been a delight to work with a group of passionate educators and learn more about how to support people with complex communication needs in my field of work.

The course has expanded my skills to be an effective communication partner and I absolutely love sharing the knowledge and resources I've come across with my colleagues, other educators and people in the community. In my workplace I have joined the AAC Champions monthly meetings and I am a contributor to our Autism Apps website team. During the January school holidays I was able to apply the literacy unit of the course in my clinical practice when I delivered a holiday program incorporating shared reading and writing without standards. It was amazing to hear children say, "Can we write more".

Completing the Graduate Certificate in Special Education: Complex Communication Needs has strengthened my passion to keep learning and finding ways to support the people I work with to have a voice. I look forward to continuing my AAC learning journey and spreading the word - the only prerequisite to speak is to breathe.



**GRADUATE  
KATE MARTINEZ**



**Venue:** City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth

**Cost:** FREE

**Information:** [mary.butterworth@ddwa.org.au](mailto:mary.butterworth@ddwa.org.au) or 9420 7230

**Become a Member:** [www.ddwa.org.au/membership](http://www.ddwa.org.au/membership)

**Registration:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/developmental-disability-wa-2046684199>