Knowledge Translation (KT) is the science of bridging the gap between what we know and what we do. It involves multidirectional communication, interdisciplinary processes, ongoing collaboration, and includes all steps between knowledge creation and knowledge application. KT requires genuine partnerships and sharing between researchers and research users for the co-creation of knowledge.

The Australian research environment is, increasingly, supporting impactful research and the Sector believes that the Government is likely to follow approaches in other countries to report and evaluate research impact. By using KT concepts, knowledge exchange becomes embedded in the process of research thereby increasing the value, and likely impact, of the research findings.

This MasterClass will provide an overview of KT and introduce concepts and introduce participants to a common model of KT within research.

Participants will work in groups to examine how their research fits within the KT model and to discuss opportunities and barriers to working in this way. Case studies used will highlight ECU examples where KT has led to research impact.

Learning outcomes

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will have a greater understanding of Knowledge Translation, which will facilitate their future research and the development of new projects.

DATE: Thursday, 14 August 2014
TIME: 12.00 - 2.00pm (lunch included)
VENUE: ECU Joondalup Campus Building 8, Room 8.201A

RSVP: Essential. Staff please go to www.ecu.edu.au/staff-development/bcategories/RES to nominate for the MasterClass.
Postgraduate students please contact Sarah Gray at researchtraining@ecu.edu.au to enrol.

The MasterClass is presented by Dr Tamika Heiden, the founder and principal of Knowledge Translation Australia. Tamika has worked in health research for over 15 years and is passionate about making a difference through the translation of research into practice.

Tamika has a PhD in biomechanics from the University of Western Australia and has worked nationally and internationally in the field of applied health research. Tamika’s education in knowledge translation, and her dedication to improving social outcomes from research, underpins her goal to ensure that research is relevant and accessible to the people who need it. In her spare time Tamika volunteers as a convener for the Western Australian Chapter of the Australasian Research Management Society.