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RehabCare is the leading provider of rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech-language therapies, to over 2,000 hospitals and long-term care facilities in 46 states. The SPOT On newsletter is our way of informing, recognizing and celebrating the students who form the future Rehab Therapist community.

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A rewarding experience for all.

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Chicago area students are lining up to complete clinical internships.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT KATIE LODGE, OCALA, FL

Closer to home and farther in her career.

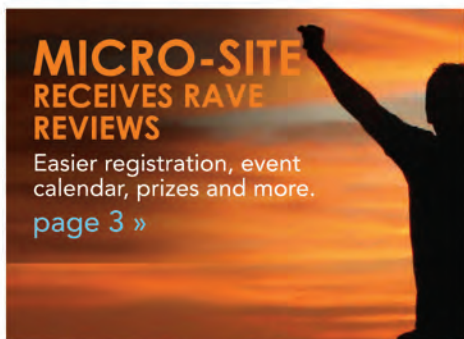
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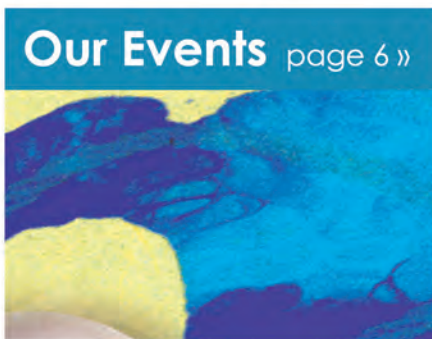
MICRO-SITE RECEIVES RAVE REVIEWS

Easier registration, event calendar, prizes and more.

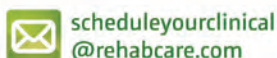
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A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED

STUDENT PROJECTS



"My instructor embraced the student-teacher relationship that fostered my learning."

Students who complete a clinical internship with RehabCare are encouraged to do research or complete an educational in-service and then present it to the rest of the team at the completion of their rotation. Kristina Pekovic (right), a PTA clinical internship student with RehabCare at Kindred Hospital of Indianapolis, recently completed her in-service on Joint Mobility.

"I was very blessed at my clinical experience at Kindred Hospital of Indianapolis. My instructor embraced the student-teacher relationship that fostered my learning and encouraged me toward my goals," said Kristina. "Everyone on the RehabCare team was very helpful by taking the time to instruct and assist me as a student. They stood out through their exemplary caring by frequently advocating for their patients and treating them as if they were a member of their own family."

Kristina went on to explain, "The rehab aides would create an enjoyable environment by frequently making the patients

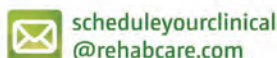
smile and feel valued. Overall, I had an excellent learning experience and would recommend this facility to other students who would like to gain knowledge in geriatrics and long-term care."

Kristina's presentation was very informative and spread out over two days. On the first day, she provided a classroom type presentation. The second day saw a more hands-on approach where she was able to show what she learned and put it into practice.

According to Kristina's instructor on the project, Jeff Paris, PTA (pictured on the mat), "This was the first year I served as an instructor, and I found it challenging and rewarding. It allowed me to pass on my years of experience and help Kristina as she begins her journey into healthcare, and PT especially. Kristina was very hardworking and met the challenges head-on. Overall, it was a great experience for both of us."

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KUDOS FOR OUR NEW STUDENT MICRO-SITE

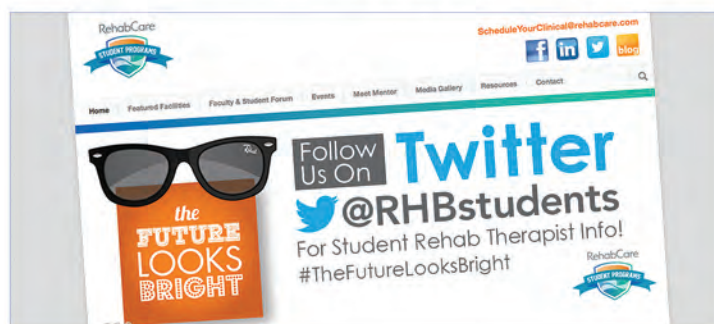
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"The process is now very easy."

In our last edition of "SPOT On," we announced the launch of our new student micro-site, which was created to streamline and automate the placement process for students and faculty seeking clinical affiliation, fieldwork or internships. The reviews are now in, and we couldn't be more pleased.

For example, Jennifer Cravens, Clinical Instructor with the Department of Speech and Hearing Science at the University of Illinois, wrote in to tell us, "The online registration is now very easy on my end and simplifies the process. I am honored to be affiliated with RehabCare, as the students receive excellent hands-on training at RehabCare facilities. I must give credit to the RehabCare SLPs who have worked with our students. They have provided excellent learning opportunities, and we are most appreciative of their efforts."

In addition, the micro-site also serves as the landing page for all our social media sites and contains other helpful features such as our event calendar, links to licensing resources and state license boards, as well as past issues of company newsletters. There's even a contest and monthly prizes for students who complete a short survey on the site.





INTERNSHIPS ARE ALL THE RAGE IN CHICAGO

FIGHTING TO LEARN

*"Students actually **fight** over these learning opportunities."*

While it is not our intent to incite a brawl among students on campus, we were thrilled to read that PTA students from Elgin Community College (ECC) in suburban Chicago are lining up to complete a clinical internship with RehabCare.

Micaela Banks, Academic Clinical Coordinator at ECC, writes, "Thank you again for your assistance and support. Our students actually fight over these learning opportunities

because the students before them consistently tell them how they have learned so much at RehabCare.

As a clinical coordinator, I really appreciate the dedication to student education that RehabCare demonstrates and provides. In addition, I'm always hearing how our graduates that are now working for your organization really enjoy what they are doing and like your organization very much."

Best Student Programs 2012

These Hospitals and Nursing Centers have truly made a difference by providing the most clinical internships within the entire organization.

TOP 10 CLINICAL INTERNSHIPS – HOSPITAL LOCATIONS

- West Jeff Medical Center, LA
- Kindred Hospital, Corpus Christi, TX
- Provena Covenant, Urbana, IL
- Vibra of Corinth/Atrium Medical Center, Corinth, TX
- Kindred Hospital Chicago Northlake, IL
- Kindred Hospital Mansfield, Fort Worth, TX
- Mission Hospital, TX
- Kindred Hospital Tulsa, OK
- Kindred Hospital San Antonio, TX
- St. Catherine's, East Chicago, IN

TOP 10 CLINICAL INTERNSHIPS – NURSING CENTER LOCATIONS

- Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab – Sellersburg, IN
- Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab – Milwaukee, WI
- Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab – Smith Ranch, CA
- Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab – Fountain Circle, KY
- Christian Health, Louisville, KY
- Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab – Cherry Hills, CA
- Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab – Chapel Hill, NC
- Horizons Rehab and Nursing, Brunswick, ME
- Highland Pines, Longview, TX
- Aviston Countryside Manor, Aviston, IL (tie)
- Kindred Nursing and Rehab – Bremen, Bremen, IN (tie)



KATIE LODGE: THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

"When I saw that RehabCare had all that, it sealed the deal."



After graduation from the University of Southern Indiana with her Master's in Occupational Therapy, Katie began her job search. She knew she wanted to land near family in Florida, but unfortunately she was not able to complete any fieldwork in that region. "So I began searching for jobs the old fashioned way – advertisements," she says.

Katie ended up interviewing for two different positions in the Ocala, FL area. She knew she wanted to work in a medical setting that provided an opportunity to build for the future, so she ultimately accepted the Kindred Hospital/RehabCare position. According to Katie, the wage offered by RehabCare was slightly better than the other offer, and the benefits, including the "Continuing Education" fund, were hard to turn down. "My goal was to work in a complex medical setting along with an extremely supportive staff with potential for advancement – so when I saw that RehabCare had all that, it sealed the deal."

After a year in Florida, Katie decided it was time to see the world and was able to relocate within the RehabCare system

in San Diego. At first she was classified as a per diem staff therapist, but her status quickly changed to full time, and then eventually she was offered the Program Director position at the Kindred – San Diego Hospital.

"My experience there was amazing. The hospital was fantastic, but once again I felt the calling to go home," Katie explains. Katie worked with her Area Director of Operations, and eventually a position opened up in Ocala, where she then returned as the Program Director. Her experience at the San Diego location quickly enabled her to become an effective leader and member of the team. "I've been very fortunate that RehabCare/Kindred supports me in what I want to do to take care of patients, while taking care of myself," Katie says.

Today, Katie is also a contributor to the "RehabCare Student Programs Welcome Calls," which allows her to share her experiences with the next generation of therapists. She is also working on her MBA at the University of Florida. Way to go, Katie! You make us proud!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2013?

UPCOMING EVENTS

RehabCare is excited to announce a slate of events at these schools and institutions.

EVENT LISTINGS

June 13	Walsh University	Canton, OH
June 14	Spalding University	Louisville, KY
June 13-14	Allied Health Research Institute	Dallas, TX
June 27-29	APTA Annual Conference	Salt Lake City, UT
July 2	Health Professions Consortium	Jefferson City, MO
July 10	Student Intern Welcome Call	
Oct. 25-27	APTA National Student Conclave	Louisville, KY
Nov. 14-16	ASHA Annual Conference	Chicago, IL
Nov. 15-16	AOTA National Student Conclave	Jacksonville, FL



In the words of a student

"I learned two lessons...1) expect progress to come in a non-linear pattern and 2) never give up on a patient who hasn't given up on himself."

— David, student and RehabCare intern

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