



DARE Project

ACHVA ACADEMIC COLLEGE



*Developing Program for Access of
Disadvantaged Groups of People and Regions to Higher Education*

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Achva Simulation Room

מרכז סימולציה

IPD

(Interpersonal and Discipline Centre)



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Simulation in practice



Student Support Services

- At this stage only few sessions for students from the “student Support Center” conducted in the simulation room. Nevertheless, many of the students participated in sessions that conducted during regular lessons.
- During the 2nd semester (since March 2017) every pedagogy-instructor conducted at least one session in the simulation center.
- One full course (14 sessions) with M-Teach students was taught in the simulation room. The course was “From theory to practice” and in each session 2-3 simulations in regard to students with special needs conducted along with discussions and feedback to participants.

Staff Training

- **Staff training conducted for both academic and administrative staff**
- **During the first month of the academic year (November 2016) a detailed questionnaire was given to all academic and administrative staff. Results led our decisions in regard to the necessary intervention programs**
- **Administrative staff goals: better understanding of “special needs” in theory and while communicating with students**

Staff Training

- **Administrative staff intervention:**
 - **Short workshops guided by the center for Students with special needs**
 - **Final learning day in which all administrative staff took part. They had few lectures and activities in which they practiced variety of ways to communicate with students with special needs**

Staff Training

- **Academic staff goals:**
 - **Understanding the variety ways students with special needs can learn**
 - **learning how to better use the simulation room as part of the courses they teach**
- **Academic staff intervention:**
 - **An on-line course for all lecturers (in process)**
 - **Short workshops for small groups in the simulation room**
 - **Two-days seminar for all pedagogy-instructors**