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Dr Amanda Müller is a lecturer (English for Specific Purposes) in the School of Nursing & Midwifery, Faculty of Health Sciences, Flinders University, Australia.

Dr Müller graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Psychology and English. Thereafter, she completed Honours and a PhD in English, focusing on the differences between speech and writing in the Glasgow dialect and its use in literature. During that time, she also completed two Graduate Certificates, one in TESOL and another in Education (Higher Education). Since then Dr Müller has been working in the field of English for Specific Purposes in the area of Health Sciences.

In the last two years, Dr Müller has been developing a number of ICT-based solutions to the communicative problems of ESL nursing students in the classroom and on clinical placement. Among these solutions is a project involving the development of computer games for language learning, particularly in the areas of medical terminology and colloquial language. The project is still being undertaken, and a number of computer games are still in the process of being coded, due for release soon. She is interested in international collaboration, and is currently engaging in two overseas projects involving the use of computer games for learning.

Dr Müller's research interests include: second language acquisition studies, vocabulary studies, ICT solutions to language problems, cognitive load theory and instructional design, automaticity studies, and the differences between spoken and written language.