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An interdisciplinary development opportunity in geriatrics and gerontology for faculty at higher education institutions in Virginia

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Funding for this program is provided by the Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services under Grant No. U1QHP28744 (Virginia Geriatric Education Center)
The Virginia Geriatric Education Center is an interdisciplinary consortium of Virginia Commonwealth University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and University of Virginia. Its mission is to improve interprofessional geriatrics education in Virginia through faculty development, continuing education, and clinical training of students in geriatrics.

VGEC professionals comprise the core faculty of the FDP program, serving as instructors, discussion leaders, and mentors to participants in the FDP.

There is a critical shortage of health care professionals trained in geriatrics to care for older adults. Federal funding to the VGEC is intended to expand not only the numbers of health care professionals directly trained in interdisciplinary geriatrics, but also the numbers of colleagues and students whom these Scholars subsequently train.

The Faculty Development Program

The FDP is an interprofessional curriculum grounded in evidence-based practices for health care professionals with a faculty appointment. The curriculum is guided by the American Geriatrics Society’s Multidisciplinary Competencies in the Care of Older Adults. FDP Scholars will enhance their skills in working interprofessionally and teaching aging-related topics.

The 200-hour curriculum includes monthly seminars, independent study, a practicum, and a capstone project. Monthly seminars consist of traditional lecture and active learning led by an interprofessional team of educators. The seven seminars in Richmond are complemented by weekend retreats in Staunton, Newport News, and Short Pump at the annual Virginia Geriatrics Society meeting.

**Capstone Project**

Scholars work with VGEC faculty mentors and their fellow Scholars on a capstone project over the course of the program to develop, implement, and evaluate an interprofessional curriculum of their own choosing, incorporating the content and experiences of the FDP.

**Practicum**

FDP Scholars observe an innovative, interprofessional care coordination and wellness clinic for older adults in low-income housing communities.

**Benefits**

- Add geriatrics and gerontology to your teaching and research portfolio
- Earn continuing education credits
- Strengthen your teaching efficacy
- Prepare health care professionals to better serve older adults
- Gain professional contacts from multiple campuses and disciplines
- Become a geriatrics resource for others on your campus
- Develop skills in educational research and evaluation

**Requirements**

- An academic or clinical faculty appointment at an institution of higher education in Virginia
- Attend at least 70% of in-person seminars and retreats
- Program cost: $250
  - Includes meals and CME/CE credits
  - Participants are responsible for hotel accommodations at retreats

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