

David K Brown Geriatrics Scholar Program

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Background and Introduction

The WVGEC is funded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to improve the health and health care of older adults in West Virginia by enhancing geriatrics training and competency of our state's health professionals that care for our older citizens.

Our mission includes creating a sustainable interprofessional program of geriatrics education. As part of this mission, we are pleased to announce:

The David K Brown Geriatrics Scholar Program

This program will advance competency in geriatrics by offering interprofessional learning experiences that are evidence based and designed to increase skills and expertise. The curriculum includes a variety of options for self-study, on-line training and in person learning events which will provide advanced skill in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease, disability and other health related needs of older adults, including psychosocial aspects of aging. Trainees will be mentored by expert geriatrics faculty and network with other health professionals specializing in geriatrics who are located throughout West Virginia. The training will result in a Certificate of Excellence in Geriatrics at the completion of 40 hours of continuing education credits and/or study of approved curriculum.

About David K Brown:

David K Brown, PhD Professor and Associate Director for Education at the West Virginia University's Center on Aging, was a beloved professor specializing in public policy and aging, community based care, managed and long term care, and health care service delivery to the rural elderly and was highly respected as a scholar and advocate for the elderly. He wrote and obtained funding for the first Geriatric Education Center in West Virginia. Notable achievements included Director of the WV Office of Aging, Presidential appointee to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging/National Advisory Committee, Vice-President Al Gore's Committee to Reinvent Government, Distinguished West Virginian award and the prestigious Vernon Dalmer Award from the NAACP. He retired from the WV Center on Aging in August 2008, and passed away on October 28, 2009.

Target Audience:

People who are interested in the health and well-being of older adults in West Virginia are invited to become David K. Brown Geriatrics Scholars. Those who have already participated in one or more WVGEC events are especially invited to take a next step by committing to further their own training and development in geriatrics and gerontology. Must be currently residing in West Virginia, with priority to those practicing in the state. Past David K Brown Geriatrics Scholars have included persons from nursing, physical therapy, social work disciplines and worked in a variety of settings, such as, colleges and universities, nursing homes, home health agencies, and etc.

Advantages to Participation in the David K Brown Geriatrics Scholar Program Include:

- The opportunity to learn from various members of the community who are experienced in the field of aging.
- Enrollment in seminars and coursework that focus specifically on geriatrics content providing approximately 40 contact hours.
- Participation in inter-professional learning opportunities and projects, and mentoring by professionals who demonstrate geriatrics expertise.
- The development of knowledge and leadership skills in the aging and healthcare field.
- State and national networking opportunities with other health professionals, faculty, practitioners and students.
- Recognition in WVGEC publications, on the website and at the WV Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Assembly (typically held in September).
- Certificate of Excellence/Letter of Recognition upon completion of professional development activities.
- Up to \$1000 in funds to support expenses (per diem, travel costs, registrations) to offset costs of the learning events and waiver of registration fees for WVGEC sponsored events.

Criteria for selection of David K Brown Geriatrics Scholars:

- Letter of Application
 - Completed application form on pages 5-6
 - Resume or Curriculum Vitae
 - WVGEC Participant Profile Form (to be provided upon acceptance)

Application due by January 16, 2014

For further information contact the WVGEC
wvgec@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1225

Requirements to be completed within 14 months or by April 30, 2015. Scholar may choose from the options listed, but may also suggest other options to be approved by their mentor and/or the WVGEC.

It is hoped that the individual will have a well-rounded selection of advanced learning experiences to increase the understanding of aging and the complexity of caring or managing care for older adults.

- Attendance at, or documentation of viewing archived programs, six (6) Geriatrics Lunchtime Learning Events held most months on the fourth Wednesday in the WVU – RCB Health Sciences Center, room 2000 from 12:00 until 1:00 pm. Access for on-line and/or archived sessions can be found at www.wvgec.org under the Lunchtime Learning tab (6 CEU)
- Choose from evidence based Health Literacy training options that include, but are not limited to:
 - AMA health literacy self-study materials <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/health-literacy-program/health-literacy-kit.shtml> (CE has expired for this module)(2 clock hours)
 - <http://www.health.gov/communication/literacy/quickguide/Quickguide.pdf> (2 clock hours; document by writing report)
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/pdf/olderadults.pdf> 2 clock hours; document by writing report)
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/gettraining.html#Training> **Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals (free) 1 – 1.25 CE**
 - Attendance at the Health Literacy in Older Adults Training *sponsored by the WVGEC, approved for 13 hours of continuing education (13 CEU)?*
 - **Note: Health Literacy event held February 6 - 7, 2014 Grand Pointe Conference Center, Vienna WV**
- Conduct health literacy training for colleagues, staff, students, or the community and document the event by providing agenda, sign in sheets of trainees or staff and evaluation of the training (up to 8 Hours)
- Read the IOM Summary Report: Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce and Quality Chasm Series: Health Care Quality Reports from the Institute on Medicine and provide short report with your observations (3 Hours)
- End of Life /Palliative Education Resource Center (<http://www.eperc.mcw.edu/EPERC/EducationalMaterials#onlineTraining>)
- On-line training on Pain Assessment of Cognitively Impaired Individuals <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WVGECParticipantProfile> (1 CEU)
- Respecting Choices® Advance Care Planning Webinars <http://www.gundersenhealth.org/respecting-choices/webinars>
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) on-line tutorial about Research on Human and Animal Subjects or provide documentation of its completion. (6 CEU)
- Advanced Geriatrics Skills (AGES) certification course that increases geriatrics competency of all health professionals. Approved for 14 continuing education credits for Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Pharmacists, Nurses and Social Workers (16 CEU) next session **scheduled for April 3 - 5, 2014 at Bridgeport Conference Center**
- Healing in the Hills – modules on Cultural Competence and Access to Care; demonstrate knowledge via pre and post tests. (at least 2 modules: 4 hours contact)
- Summer Institute on Aging sponsored by the WVU School of Social Work, June 3 – 5, 2014 (approximately 20 CEU)

- WV Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Assembly (6 CEU) September 17, 2014
- Documentation and Final Report regarding activities and outcomes experienced as a result of the David K Brown Geriatrics Scholars Program (estimate 2 - 3 hours)
- Responding to correspondence or emails within one week, unless extenuating circumstances
- Other geriatrics focused training that is approved by the WVGEC and/or your mentor

David K Brown Geriatrics Scholar Application

Return completed application **and one copy of your resume** to: WVGEC at WVU Robert C Byrd Health Sciences Center, 310 MacCorkle Avenue, Charleston West Virginia 25304 or wvgec@hsc.wvu.edu

Please type or print information clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Your current position: _____

When will you be ready to start the Scholars Program? Month/Year _____

How did you hear about the Program? _____

List any volunteer, employment, and personal experiences related to working with older adults and their family members (you may attach another piece of paper if necessary):

List any academic courses or training that you have completed or are enrolled in that would be relevant to working with older adults and their family members:

Please briefly address the following questions on a separate page (one paragraph per question, typed)

1. What are your career goals? Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?
2. Why are you interested in working with older persons and their families?
3. Discuss the attitudes, experiences, and skills that you will bring to this program or elaborate on your resume/curriculum vitae

Discuss your motivation and potential for becoming a leader in the field of geriatrics.

Statement of Understanding: If I am offered a spot to participate in the David K Brown Geriatrics Scholar Program and choose to take it, I agree to commit to the program during the next year, to take specified courses, to keep in touch with my mentor and the WVGEC, to participate in various seminars, and to complete program participant profile and evaluations. I will be responsible for tracking my training hours, expenditures and reports/documentation.

Permission to Contact References: Your signature here allows us to contact your references, and signifies your commitment to the Statement of Understanding.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Head or Supervisor Signature Date: _____