

Overview

The Geriatric Scholars Program is designed to educate clinicians working in VA primary care settings to manage the care of medically complex patients.

The Program includes intensive educational courses, clinical practicum training experiences, on-going coaching and mentoring opportunities and choices of self-directed learning activities. Program alumni are supported with refresher courses and educational programs tailored to individual continuous professional development.

Since its inception in 2008, the Geriatric Scholars Program has been generously funded by VA Program Offices including Rural Health and Patient Care Services.

Hubsite:

**VA Greater Los Angeles
Healthcare System GRECC**

In collaboration with GRECCs at:

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**The VA Offices of Geriatrics and Extended
Care & Rural Health**

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VA Learning Community: [https://
tinyurl.com/VAGSP](https://tinyurl.com/VAGSP)

**Additional resources at:
www.GeriScholars.org**



Geriatric Scholars Program



for Primary Care Teams

*Your “hands on” approach to
improving care for older
Veterans*

The Geriatric Scholars Program

Target Audience FY23

VA healthcare providers working in Rural HBPC, CBOCs and Primary Care:

- Primary Care Providers: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
- Clinical Pharmacists
- Psychologists (PhD, PsyD, and registered MA level)
- Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants (PTA, OTA, KTA, RTA)
- Social Workers
- Psychiatrists

Learning Objectives

- Incorporate evidence-based approaches to the care of medically complex older patients
- Assess and address functional health status and cognitive impairment
- Use interdisciplinary care strategies
- Incorporate VA and community resources in care planning
- Apply Quality Improvement methods for measurable improvements in care of older Veterans



Core Components, FY23

1. Intensive course in care of older adults

- Primary Care Providers, Pharmacists, Psychologists, & Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants, Social Workers & Psychiatrists: ≥30 hours CME/CEU

2. Intensive workshop in Quality Improvement (QI)

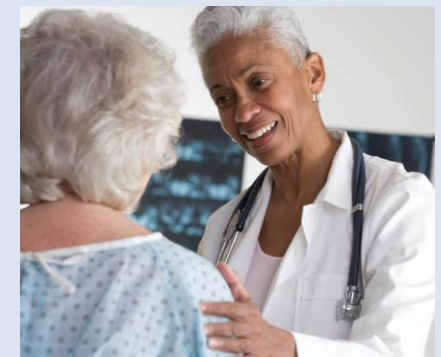
- Primary Care Providers, Pharmacists, Psychologists, & Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants, Social Workers & Psychiatrists: 7.5 hours CME/CE

3. Initiate local QI project to improve care for older Veterans

- Participants design and initiate a feasible QI project in their PACT. Coaching, resources and discussion boards support the projects.
- QI projects may be submitted as ORH Promising Practices and disseminated through the annual GEC Leads Conference.
- Physicians: Apply the QI project towards System-based Practice Competencies and licensure

Optional Components

- Web based Distance Education
- Clinical Practicum
- Mentoring (Clinical)
- Coaching (QI)
- Learning Community (Web-based)
- Rural Interdisciplinary Team Training (RITT)
- Enduring Educational Materials
- GRECC Connect clinical & education support
- Advance Scholar Track



Alumni Benefits

- Access to additional educational opportunities
 - + Refresher intensive courses
 - + Webinar trainings
 - + Monthly GRECC Audio Conf.
 - + Web-based courses & more
- Enduring Educational Materials
- Recognition by the VA Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care Services