Objectives

1. Improve existing instruction on patient-centered geriatric care, particularly cognitive impairment, end of life care and health literacy for health professions students

2. Develop and implement new interdisciplinary clinical training for medical and psychiatry resident physicians

3. Develop and implement continuing education for practicing clinicians in the UPHS Health System and in the community

4. Improve faculty mastery of health literacy and equity, and evidence and skill in incorporating health literacy and equity concerns in didactic and clinical teaching venues

Training Sites:

Consortium Members:

University of Pennsylvania: Medicine, Nursing and Dental

- Lead Member of the Consortium
- Administrative home for the GEC-GP
- Provide trainees from Schools of Medicine (Internal Medicine and Psychiatry), Nursing, Dental Medicine, and Clinical Pastoral Education program
- Continuing education trainees from inpatient hospitals, home care, hospice and a PACE site included
- Faculty experts from the schools to help in curricular development and teaching
- Clinical site teaching in inpatient, outpatient, home care and nursing facilities

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

- Mission to educate students in pharmacy and related fields, conduct research and perform service
- Will provide trainees from pharmacy and for Continuing Education activities in pharmacy, improve existing courses with geriatrics focus
- Faculty will provide expertise in pharmacology issues in the management of cognitive impairment, end of life care, health literacy and equity issues in medication management

Philadelphia Veteran Affairs Medical Center (PVAMC)

- Closely affiliated with University of Pennsylvania in its academic, clinical and education missions 254 inpatient beds, 52 beds Behavioral Health Service
- VA Outpatient: 376,000 ambulatory care visits per year; 200,000 in behavioral health
- Trainees from Continuing Education programs for Medicine and Nursing
- Faculty experts from Geriatric Medicine and Psychiatry
The Geriatric Education Center of Greater Philadelphia (GEC-GP) Consortium focuses its educational program on the care of the growing number of older patients with cognitive impairment, and on the interdisciplinary care of elders at the end of life.

In conjunction with a faculty development program on health literacy and equity, the GEC-GP incorporates training in addressing issues of health equity and literacy at all levels in its approach to these two central issues. The GEC-GP also addresses identified needs in the professions of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, chaplaincy, and social work.