Incorporating the Aging Population into the Associate Degree Nursing Program

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LAWRENCEVILLE CAMPUS

- Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Medical Assisting Program
- Patient Care Assisting Program (A-NF)

FACTS ABOUT NURSING

- Wage: average salary \$63, 190/year (~\$30.38/hr)
- Entry: Associate's degree
- Job Growth 16%
- Must take the National Council Licensure Exam NCLEX
- Work Environment: 8 or 12 hour shifts in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, hospitals, outpatient clients, home health, hospice, schools, missions, provider practices, health departments, worksites, etc.

*data according to U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (August 2017)



CURRICULUM

- Contemporary Curriculum
 - ACEN Curriculum has clearly articulated student learning outcomes and program outcomes consistent with contemporary practice
 - GA BON Curriculum includes learning activities in class, simulated settings, and practice settings
 - Caring
 - Promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health or end-of-life care with people of all age groups
 - Practice-based learning activities in diverse settings



FACTS ABOUT AGING

- Average life expectancy increased from 68 years in 1950 to 79 years in 2013
- Americans ages 65 and older is projected to more than double to over 98 million by 2060
- Aging baby boom generation could fuel a 75% increase in the number of Americans requiring nursing home care, from 1.3 million in 2010 to 2.3 million in 2030
- Demand for elder care is directly impacted by the rise in Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, which may increase from 5 million in 2013 to 14 million by 2050
- By 2030, Georgia's older population will increase by 142.5% and constitute 65% of the population

*data according to the Population reference Bureau report (January 2016) &GA State Plan on Aging, AARP (2011)

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STRATEGIES

- Maximize Opportunities
 - Simulations focused on older adults
 - Expanding clinical placements, including nursing homes and home health & hospice
 - Participating in Workforce Development Programs CHAMPS
 - Joined Workgroups GNFCC
 - Establish Articulation Agreements
 - Practicum for Nursing Educators

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CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

- Del Mar Gardens
- Gwinnett Medical Center
 - Extended Care Center
- Eastside Medical Center
 - Rehabilitation Center
- Encompass Home Health & Hospice



SIMULATION

• Link to Video: https://vimeo.com/163017534

