Knowledge Exchange: Enhancing Nursing Education for Care of the Elderly

Knowledge Exchange Institute for Geriatric Nursing Education

The Knowledge Exchange Institute for Geriatric Nursing Education is an initiative of the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly (NICE), to enhance geriatric content in baccalaureate nursing education in Canada. The Institute provides nursing faculty and PhD students with knowledge and tools to integrate best geriatric nursing knowledge and practices in their teaching and curricula, ultimately improving nursing care provided by their students and future nurses.

Through a train-the-trainer approach, nursing faculty and PhD students will be supported to champion evidence based geriatric content in nursing curriculum within their universities, provincially, and nationally. The Knowledge Exchange Institute will equip Canadian nursing faculty and PhD students to incorporate evidence based gerontology knowledge into education of undergraduate nursing students.

The Institute will empower nursing faculty to improve nursing education by providing them with:

- Current research based knowledge about nursing care of older patients;
- Tools to incorporate this knowledge in their teaching;
- Tools to identify opportunities to enhance curriculum; and
- Support, tools, and strategies to champion evidence based gerontology content in nursing curriculum.

Institute Resources and Content

Participants will be provided with Canadian and U.S. evidence-based resources to enhance geriatric content:

- Knowledge transfer tools developed by NICE
- State of science reviews and teaching resources for key topics related to care of older adults with complex illnesses, prepared specifically for nursing educators by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (critical thinking, atypical presentation, dementia/delirium, interdisciplinary care, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer, critical care, mental health)
- Links to Canadian and U.S. research based resources for nursing care of older adults
- Resources for integrating geriatric content in teaching and curriculum

Who Should Attend

Faculty who teach in Canadian baccalaureate nursing education programs and nursing PhD students should apply to attend. Up to twenty faculty members and five PhD students will be accepted. Priority will be given to achieve representation across the country.

Preparation

Prior to attending the Institute, successful applicants will complete a curriculum survey of their nursing program and a detailed assessment of one course, using a tool developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The tool will be provided by the Institute organizers.

Date and Location

When: May 6 (evening) to May 8 (noon), 2009
Where: Brock University, St. Catharines, ON

Very Low Cost

- PhD students free
- $100 registration fee for faculty attendees
- Lodging, meals, and all materials included

Travel Subsidies Provided

- $300 for faculty
- up to $1,000 for PhD students

Register Now

Applicants should complete and submit the registration form attached to this notice and available at http://tinyurl.com/NICE-GNE or from lmccleary@brocku.ca.

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