

ARKANSAS GERIATRIC EDUCATION MENTORS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM (AR-GEMS)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Arkansas Geriatric Education Mentors and Scholars program, or AR-GEMS, is a nine-month, online self-study program for professionals who work with older adults and want to learn more about the aging process and improve the care they provide. The program is divided into eight learning modules. The nine-month time frame begins on enrollment.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM AR-GEMS

AR-GEMS will benefit health care professionals, social workers, long-term care administrators, activity directors, faculty, students, and anyone who works with older adults. They will learn about health promotion in this population, the foundations of aging, the ever-present problem of Alzheimer's disease and appropriate interventions for persons in early, middle and late stages of the disease, and other geriatric health-related topics. Continuing education contact hours may be provided for completion of some modules.

PROGRAM GOAL

The goal of AR-GEMS is to create a network of professionals in Arkansas who are trained in geriatrics. By promoting the concept and practice of the interdisciplinary healthcare team, regional experiential training sites will be established for health care professionals, faculty and students in the health professions and social sciences.

REQUIREMENTS

AR-GEMS participants are expected to:

- Participate in an orientation session over the phone
- Complete three online self-study modules and at least two elective online self-study modules
- Attend two video teleconferences sponsored by AGECEC or view two previously recorded video teleconferences (*Available in-person, streaming through UAMS Blackboard Collaborate, or view at a Center on Aging or other remote VTC site. Continuing education credit is provided for both.*)
- Attend a coaching and mentoring session and the annual Geriatric Long-Term Care Update in Little Rock at the UAMS Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging
- Engage in 10 hours of experiential practice with an experienced mentor in a geriatric setting convenient for you

READY TO ENROLL?

Applications may be requested by calling (501) 603-1969, or by emailing agec@uams.edu.

To learn more about the Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative, visit www.agec.org.
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