Nurse Certification.

Objectives: 1) Recruit a cadre of RNs from UTMB and community entities that provide healthcare for seniors; 2) Educate RNs on evidenced based geriatric practice; 3) Create interagency network platforms to facilitate care coordination and continuity of care; and 4) Develop a model for measuring and reporting outcomes for elders across healthcare settings.

Phase One: Soliciting Support and Recruitment

Phase Two: Performing Needs Assessment

Phase Three– Educating participants on evidenced-based elders’ health needs and creating interagency network platforms

Phase Four- Preparing Registered Nurses for the Gerontological Nurse Certification

There is a pervasive geriatric knowledge and service gap in healthcare settings. Common to all the interdisciplinary and interagency involvement is the active engagement and collaboration of providers, elders and their caregivers. Foundational to the success of the project is clinicians’ gerontological knowledge and implementation of evidenced based practices for elders. Data is being collected using written questionnaires and individual interviews. The Advisory Board has met twice during the first month of the project and will meet quarterly during the 12-month program. During the initial meeting, it became apparent that the needs of acute care clinicians differ from community-based clinicians. The Advisory Board has been formed to address these issues and to promote UTMB and community organizations networking strategies that promoted UTMB and community organizations networking strategies.

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