# Acting Internship: Geriatrics

## Course Description
The Acting Internship (AI) is a comprehensive clinical experience designed to provide the student with increased responsibilities for the assessment and management of geriatric patients. Students are integrated into the health care team and will have primary responsibility for the patient's care under close supervision. The Acting Intern will experience the roles and responsibilities of an intern on the team. This AI will provide students the opportunity to obtain the needed knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will result in successful care of older patients.

## Course Objectives
- Describe the continuum of care to optimally promote wellness and treat older populations
- Describe and discuss the physiologic changes of aging
- Diagnose and treat common geriatric syndromes that occur in older populations
- Manage elderly and chronically ill patients in both the ambulatory and institutional settings
- Evaluate patients using a variety of assessment instruments and incorporate them into care plans.
- Describe ethical issues in the care of patients approaching the end of their life and develop patient centered plans

## Course Activities
Students will participate in the day-to-day management of patients in ambulatory, nursing home, home care visits, and hospice settings. Time will also be spent attending multidisciplinary patient care conferences, participating in teaching and wound care rounds, and working with outpatient individuals in the Geriatric Center.

## Course Schedule Requirements
No on-call requirement. Student is present during usual clinical hours (8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays as determined by the ECU calendar).

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