



FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

EXPANDING EDUCATION, SIMULATION, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES





UTEP GERIATRIC WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN THE BORDERLAND

Fiscal Year Highlights

Thank you to Our Community Partners!

Thanks to your partnership and collaboration, the GWEP team made significant strides this past fiscal year in expanding education, strengthening community partnerships, and increasing access to evidence-based resources that promote healthy aging and improve care for older adults.



3,000 +

INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED & TRAINED

Through online modules, conferences, webinars, and in-person presentations focused on healthy aging, age-friendly care, and evidence-based practices.



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NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Official partners are organizations and individuals who host or participate in educational and training activities that support the goals of the UTEP GWEP grant.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE

We currently offer the following complimentary printed educational booklets for community organizations, healthcare professionals, caregivers, students, and older adults:



**Understanding
Alzheimer's Disease**
Available in English
and Spanish



Fall Prevention
Available in English
and Spanish



**A Guide to Aging
Well, Healthcare, and
Safety**
English edition
available now
Spanish edition
currently being printed

Interested in receiving copies for your organization?

Contact us at:

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Immersive Simulation Experiences

Geriatric Simulator

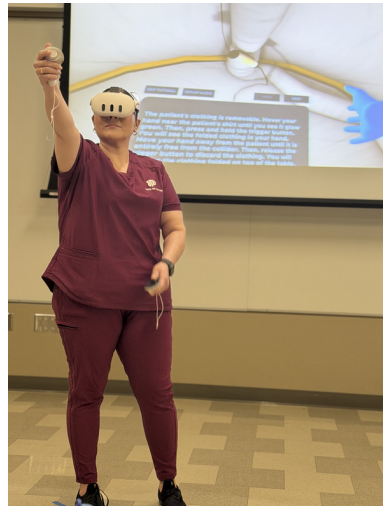


Award-winning Geriatric Simulator is an immersive educational experience designed to build empathy and deepen understanding of the physical challenges many older adults experience.

Participants experience:

- Stooped posture
- Limited range of motion
- Reduced strength and mobility
- Visual impairments, including simulated glaucoma

Virtual Reality Experience



Explore immersive virtual scenarios designed to enhance understanding of aging-related conditions and promote empathy through interactive learning experiences.

Participants can:

- Engage in realistic healthcare scenarios
- Strengthen communication and critical-thinking skills
- Enhance empathy and understanding
- Explore age-friendly care practices

Dementia Live®



Dementia Live® is an experiential training that helps participants better understand what it may feel like to live with dementia. The simulation promotes empathy, improves communication, and supports person-centered care.

Participants experience:

- Sensory changes that affect daily activities
- Challenges with communication and task completion
- Feelings of confusion and frustration
- Increased empathy and understanding for people living with dementia



NEW ONLINE LEARNING

Learn anytime, anywhere at no cost!

GWEP is proud to offer new, self-paced online training modules through Age-u-cate.

available at no cost to healthcare professionals, students, caregivers, and community members.

NEW MODULES

1

Promoting Quality of Life and Well-being
Explore strategies to enhance quality of life, dignity, and overall well-being for older adults.

2

Compassionate Touch Caregiver Training
Learn how compassionate touch can build trust, reduce stress, and improve outcomes for those in your care.

3

Stress Reactions: How to Support People Living with Dementia
Understand common stress reactions and discover practical ways to respond with empathy and patience.

4

Coping with Caregiver Burnout
Identify signs of burnout and learn self-care strategies to support your well-being and resilience.

SCAN TO ACCESS
FREE
ONLINE TRAINING
MODULES



<https://s.alchemer.com/s3/GwepAppRedirect>



Save the Date

**Caregivers
Conference
January 16, 2027**

Join caregivers, healthcare professionals, students, and community partners for a day dedicated to:

- Caregiver education
- Community resources
- Dementia support
- Wellness strategies

More information coming soon!

**Professional
Conference
April 30, 2027**

This annual conference brings together experts in geriatrics, healthcare, education, and community organizations to explore current best practices in caring for older adults.

Highlights include:

- Educational sessions
- Networking opportunities
- Continuing education

Registration information will be available in early Spring 2027.





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