

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**

**GARRISON INSTITUTE ON AGING**

***STUDENT SCHOLARS IN GERIATRICS***

**Program Summary:**

Student Scholars in Geriatrics is an interprofessional program that offers students from TTUHSC and TTU exposure to geriatric academic scholarship and practice through the use of lectures, clinical practicum, community service, and an interprofessional teamwork in geriatrics project. Students participate in the program for one academic year with the option to re-apply for additional terms in the program. Select students will have the opportunity to attend regional and national meetings of the American Geriatrics Society and the Gerontological Society of America.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the SSG Program is to develop a cadre of students from multiple disciplines who have a long-term commitment to advancing geriatric healthcare and are actively engaged in interprofessional projects designed to extend the years of active, healthy life for older adults. Creating leaders in geriatrics is key to the long-term success of this program; therefore, the students are charged with developing learning activities for themselves and others.

**Goals:**

1. Provide a hands-on opportunity to work with the geriatric population in academic, community service and clinical care settings.
2. Provide exposure to the field of Geriatrics in classroom- and practice-based environments.
3. Provide an opportunity to participate in a longitudinal clinical project.
4. Provide students with the experiences that will help them to become leaders who promote geriatrics to their fellow students and the community at large.

**Component Schools and Entities:**

School of Medicine	Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
School of Nursing	Garrison Institute on Aging
School of Allied Health Sciences	Sears Methodist Retirement System
School of Pharmacy	

Additional components, including those from TTU, may be identified in an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility:**

Admissions into the SSG program is by competitive application from both Graduate and Undergraduate students from all campuses of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Texas Tech University. Students are required to submit a 500 typewritten word essay describing the student's interest in interprofessional aspects of geriatrics. The essay should also include a paragraph about the how the time commitments will be met.

**Requirements:**

Students are required to participate meaningfully in the following activities:

1. A team-based Longitudinal Clinical Project (LCP) to be determined by the Student Scholars with support and advice from their academic advisors. Each Campus will conduct their own LCP in conjunction with SMRS or other compatible facilities.  
**Note:** LCPs involving human subjects are subject to Institutional Review Board (IRB) guidelines and approval, as well as other requirements related to research conduct.

2. Attend and actively participate in campus-based (e.g. Healthy Aging Lecture Series) and community-based (e.g. Healthy Lubbock) scholarship and service initiatives.
3. Attend a monthly practicum hosted by each component school.
4. Actively participate in SSG monthly meetings.
5. Obtain membership in the TTUHSC School of Medicine Chapter of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS). Membership in the AGS is free.

Note: A certain amount of variance is allowed in the percentages of participation for requirements 1-4 to accommodate scheduling conflicts, with advance notice given.

**Academic Credit:**

Academic Credit will be offered to students in the SSG program. The way in which credit will be offered varies among the component schools. Please contact a representative from your school from the list below for more information.

**Scholarships:**

Students will have the opportunity to apply for a limited number of financial scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on specific criteria and available funds. TTUHSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and no applicant will be discriminated against because of race, creed, religion, disability, sex, national origin or sexual orientation, during the course of education or employment at this institution. Scholarship amounts are \$1000. 50% of the scholarship will be distributed at the end of each academic semester. Scholarship funds are to be applied to outstanding debt first.

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