In July 2008, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine launched a new required 2-week geriatrics rotation for fourth-year medical students. Supported by the Aging and Quality of Life grant from the D.W. Reynolds Foundation, this curricular initiative incorporates the new AAMC Geriatrics Competencies as its learning objectives and criteria for measurable outcomes. As shown here, students take this rotation on the Lubbock, El Paso, and Amarillo campuses. The Reynolds Team has developed a common core manual used by students on all three campuses, with the same goals, objectives, and evaluation process. Each of the three sites takes advantage of resources unique to its campus and community. This may be one of the first efforts to build a geriatrics rotation on the new AAMC Geriatrics Competencies.

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