



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
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Arizona Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program

AZ-GWEP

The Arizona GWEP, housed in the University of Arizona Center on Aging, strives to educate and train the health and supportive care workforces to care for older adults by collaborating with community partners and maximizing patient and family engagement to address care gaps to improve older adult health outcomes by integrating geriatrics with primary care and other appropriate specialties using the Age-Friendly Health Systems Framework.

Community Partners	
Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter	University of Arizona College of Medicine
Arizona Health Care Association	University of Arizona College of Nursing
Arizona State University College of Nursing	University of Arizona College of Pharmacy
Banner Alzheimer's Institute	University of Arizona Center for Rural Health
Northern Arizona University Department of Social Work, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	

Clinical Partners
Statewide Focus: Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Healthcare Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Academic Clinics and Long-Term Care sites

Age-Friendly Health System
Becoming an Age-Friendly Health System entails reliably providing a set of four evidence-based elements of high-quality care, known as the "4Ms," to all older adult patients: What Matters, Medication, Mentation, and Mobility Level 1 Participants: 3 CAHs, 2 Rural Clinics, 1 Academic Clinic, 1 LTC site

Monthly Newsletter
Launched: September 2024. Current monthly editions = 13 Distributed nationally and statewide via Partners, Community Members, Website and Social Media

Monthly Advances in Aging Lecture Series
Virtual lecture series focusing on aging-related topics designed for both academic and community audiences, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, public health professionals, and interested community members. Lectures are followed by an interprofessional panel discussion. Views since July 1, 2024: 508

Participants Trained	
Discipline	# Trained
Internal Medicine Residents	61
Nursing Students	141
Social, Public and Behavioral Health	284
Pharmacy	59
Nursing	95
Medicine	677
Social Work and Behavioral Health	44
Public Service (EMT, Firefighter, Law Enforcement)	95
Patient/Caregiver/Community	361
Interprofessional Health Conference Attendees	256
Interprofessional & Community Educational Event Attendees	2240