



Montana Geriatric Education Center

Survey of Health Care Professionals

The Montana Geriatric Education Center (MTGEC) is an interdisciplinary center which provides geriatric education and training for Montana health professionals, higher education faculty, and health professions students so they might better meet the health needs of the older residents of the state. It is funded by a federal grant and has four initiatives:

- **Geriatric Health Curriculum** is an online curriculum addressing a variety of geriatric health issues.
- **Geriatric Faculty Fellows Program** provides strong grounding in geriatrics for faculty of various disciplines.
- **Continuing Education in Geriatrics** includes an annual conference with follow-up sessions and workshops at the Montana Gerontology Conference.
- **Geriatric Health Screenings** across the state staffed by interdisciplinary teams of students and faculty.

For the current funding cycle, MTGEC has a focus on mental health disorders and cognitive impairment in older persons.

The information collected from this survey is needed:

- 1) To find out what geriatric topics are the most relevant to Montana health professionals, the type of programming preferred, and the preferences for day and times.
- 2) To help the center secure continued funding. This data is crucial for our reports to the U. S. Bureau of Health Professions, a major funding agency for geriatric-related education programs.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey; please turn it in as you leave the session.

Contact the MTGEC for more information:

- by visiting <http://mtgec.umontana.edu>,
- by telephone, 866.506.8432,
- by email, Montana.gec@umontana.edu.

Thank you

Please turn over this page to complete the survey.

This information will help us prepare programs to fit your needs.

1. Please specify your health profession discipline _____
2. Please specify the type of organization in which you work or train (Hospital, Outpatient Clinic, Nursing Home, retirement Home, Home Health Agency, etc.) _____
3. What percentage of all the patients or clients that you serve is age 55 or older? _____% ?
4. What is the biggest problem you encounter in obtaining continuing education?
 Time Cost Distance Program Availability Other _____
5. As you seek continuing education programs, what priority are topics in geriatrics for you?
 Low Priority High Priority Very High Priority
6. What geriatric topics would you like to have presented at your next continuing education program?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
7. Please rank your preference for the different types of educational programs shown below:

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| Rank from 1 to 6 | _____ Weekend conference | _____ Videoconference |
| with 1 being the | _____ One-day conference | _____ Internet course |
| preferred 1st choice. | _____ Half-day conference | _____ Home study course |
8. Please rank your top 3 preferred days of the week for continuing education programs, with 1 being most preferred.
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
9. Do you have a high speed internet connection and telephone that would allow you to participate in a real time, interactive web-based seminar, a.k.a. a webinar? Yes No

If you would like to be added to our email list for announcements of upcoming programs, please provide your email address: _____