



RealCare™ Geriatric Simulator



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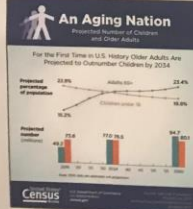
Geriatric Simulation Suit: Improving knowledge and attitudes toward geriatric care

And you just *THOUGHT* you felt OLD!



Noticing: During the development of a contemporary chronic care nursing course, barriers to diversity, equity, and inclusion were identified.

Interpreting: The United States Census Bureau estimates that by 2034 older adults will outnumber the pediatric population for the first time in history requiring more nurses to care for them.



An Aging Nation
Increased Number of Children and Older Adults

For the First Time in U.S. History Older Adults Are Projected to Outnumber Children by 2034

Age Group	2019	2034
Children under 18	72.8M	71.2M
Older adults 65+	55.2M	94.7M

Census Bureau



Responding: To circumvent learning barriers, a geriatric simulation suit was utilized.

Reflecting: The suit allowed students to place themselves in the shoes of older adults, providing enhanced knowledge, and improved attitudes toward older adult care.



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An obstacle course was constructed for students to maneuver safely while in the simulator suit. Students were assigned different tasks that mimicked activities of daily living of an older adult. A debrief was conducted following student participation. Students were asked to rate the difficulties of each task such as opening a pill bottle, walking up and down stairs with a cane or walker, tying shoes, hygiene, or using a cell phone. After the debrief, students completed an empathy self-assessment survey.

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Curriculum

Lesson	Title	Approximate Time
1	Exploring Geriatrics and Gerontology	85-160 minutes
2	Visual Impairment	55-75 minutes
3	Declining Mobility Due to Aging	70-100 minutes
4	Impact of Aging on Bones and Joints	70-115 minutes
5	Hearing Loss	45-50 minutes
6	Cognitive Changes With Aging	45 minutes
7	The Geriatric Experience	70-145 minutes
8	Amazing Aging	40-100 minutes
9	Post-Summative Assessment	30 minutes
	Total	8 ½ - 13 ½ hours

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Extras!

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Q&A

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