

Geriatric Assessment Program (GAP)

STUDENT GUIDE

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Geriatric Assessment Clinic Introduction

The Geriatric Assessment Program (GAP) is one of the programs of the Geriatric Enhancement Workforce Program (GWEP), funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine. The program has a two-fold purpose. One purpose aims to introduce students from various disciplines to the concepts of older adults (65+ years) in regard to physical health, relationships to family, friends and community, and normal healthy memory/cognition. The other purpose is to help students learn to work with older adults in an interprofessional, patient-centered manner.

The GAP clinic provides a comprehensive, one-time assessment of an older adult who is referred due to complex needs that typically include impaired cognition. Teams of three or four students from different professions will observe the assessment of an older adult conducted by a team of six geriatrics health professionals. Depending on the profession, students will attend one, two or more sessions.

Learning Objectives

The overall objective of the GAP clinic experience is to introduce students to the assessment of older adults using an interprofessional approach. At the conclusion of the experience, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the role of other professions in the care of older adults;
2. List three items that a health professional can learn from other professionals that will improve his/her ability to care for an older adult;
3. List three items that a health professional can offer to other professionals that will improve the other professional's ability to care for an older adult;

4. Describe two mechanisms by which interprofessional care can improve the health care of older adults.

STRUCTURE Preparation

Prior to coming to the GAP clinic, students should prepare by reviewing the following items:

GAP Orientation Video	https://youtu.be/GLSURA4EhFM
GeriTeam App Case	https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/geriteam/id806990899?mt=8
Polypharmacy Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp3pFjKoZl8
“Choosing Wisely” Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqQ-JuRDkl8
GAP Brochure	http://gwep.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/FINAL-KECK-GeriatricAssesBrochure-5-6-16.pdf

Students also should complete the online survey sent prior to the clinic visit.

Clinic Schedule

The GAP clinic meets on Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 12:30 p.m., in the Family Medicine Suite on the first floor of HCC2 conference room #1329. All students observing at the GAP clinic will attend this meeting. Afterward, students will be assigned to a team and observe the assessment of one of the scheduled patients.

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Discussion of the day’s patients (Conference Room)	45 minutes
1:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Clinic (Family Medicine Clinic)	
	• Physician	45 minutes
	• Psychologist	45 minutes
	• Occupational Therapist	25 minutes
	• Physical Therapist	25 minutes
	• Pharmacist	15 minutes
	• Dentist	15 minutes
3:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Team meeting (Conference room # 1329)	30 minutes

Follow-up

After the clinic session is completed, students will complete a standardized reflection document, which is due within one week to the student’s supervising faculty.