

NSU Geriatrics Fellowship

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Geriatric Medicine is a specialty devoted to providing holistic, comprehensive care to adults 65 years of age or older and to younger individuals with chronic medical and functional problems that may lead them to be physiologically older. The geriatric approach entails assessment of all aspects of patients' lives: physical, functional, cognitive and social. The specialty emphasizes an interdisciplinary, holistic approach to the care of the patient.

The Department coordinates a required geriatric clerkship for the third year medical students. The students care for elders in a variety of settings under the supervision of a geriatrician, either from the department or from the surrounding community. Also, second year family medicine residents from NSU-COM's Palmetto Family Medicine Residency spend a clinical month with the members of the department in an effort to increase exposure to geriatrics and to encourage subspecialty training in the field of geriatrics.

The NSU Department of Geriatric Medicine provides a one year post graduate fellowship in Geriatrics for graduates of Family Medicine residencies, which leads to specialization and board certification in Geriatric Medicine.

The Department of Geriatric Medicine at NSU-COM is proud to offer a one-year Geriatric/Family Medicine Fellowship Training Program in Geriatrics, which is coordinated in conjunction with the North Broward Hospital District. This subspecialty-training program, which was established in 2001, is designed to provide geriatric fellows with a high-quality educational experience involving clinical and academic exposure to skilled teaching faculty and at NSU-COM and in the community. Specialty training is provided in such areas as interdisciplinary geriatric assessment, neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, geropsychiatry, and end-of-life and palliative care. The Fellowship Manual and application are available for viewing as a part of the NSU-COM website.

The university has one of few freestanding departments of geriatric medicine in the country, which allows the department the autonomy to develop innovative training, education, and community service. Also, geriatric coursework and a clinical clerkship are required of all third

year medical students, and a one-year Fellowship Training Program in Geriatric Medicine is offered for family and internal medicine physicians wishing to become board-certified.