

# Evaluation of the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

## Overview

This project assessed the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program (CGEP) as an approach to achieving national geriatric education objectives. Insight provided descriptive information on grantee programs and activities to illustrate how CGEP best supported geriatric training and education for nurses and nurse aides. This included information on faculty activities, the extent to which activities influence students and curricula of those professional schools that employ the activities, and effects on the communities served.

The project had four main objectives:

- Provide descriptive information on grantees to identify how they provide training and education on geriatric care.
- Evaluate the success of CGEP grantees in achieving the program's goals and determine factors that influenced the degree of success.

- Assess the broader impact of CGEP on geriatric education in the community and ascertain implications for future federal efforts.
- Make recommendations for improving the program.

As a subcontractor to The Lewin Group, Insight—

- Documented the history and evolution of CGEP
- Described and compared the 54 CGEP grantees (developed individual profiles of each CGEP grantee; obtained, extracted, and compiled information from grantee applications, progress reports, and other documents; and designed a comprehensive database to house the information)
- Conducted case studies to analyze the implementation of the program in depth, including lessons learned and best practices

The evaluation provided the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Professions with an understanding of how CGEP best contributes to increasing the number of nurses and nurse aides with geriatric training, with the goal of ensuring a qualified workforce equipped to meet the needs of the future aging population.

## Products

Agency Access database

