



Scholars and Leaders in Interprofessional Geriatrics (SLIG) Summer 2023 Course

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 Pandemic most 2023 SLIG course activities are planned to be virtual. If the situation changes, the course directors reserve the right to change the format of the course to in-person.

OVERVIEW

Goal: To enable health science students who are interested in geriatrics to acquire attitudes, values and competencies necessary for practicing comprehensive, patient- and family-centered geriatric care, as part of interprofessional teams, in a variety of health care settings.

The SLIG course is designed to provide a rich learning experience for health science students through mentoring and guidance by experienced interprofessional faculty. At the heart of this course is active learning with discussion and reflection on the unique qualities and needs of older adults, across life phases in a variety of care settings. The teaching and learning focus on how an integrated team of interprofessional health practitioners can optimize the health, well-being, and quality of life of older adults.

Learners: Students from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine (COM), College of Nursing (CON), College of Pharmacy (COP), College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS), School of Public Health (SPH), and Jane Addams College of Social Work (JACSW), who are in good academic standing, are eligible to apply. See page 2 for eligibility criteria for each of the participating colleges/schools. Two students will be selected from each college for a total of 12 scholars. One additional medical student will be selected from the College of Medicine to receive the *Dr. Akavut Suesakul, MD Scholarship in Primary Care Geriatrics*.

Course Dates: The **three-week SLIG course** will take place from Tuesday, June 27 2023 to Friday, July 14 2023. The course will **meet virtually 3 days per week**. The class will typically meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, however exact times may be adjusted as needed. The class hours are 9:30 am – 2:00 pm; however students should plan for additional time to work on course assignments. The final SLIG “Showcase” will be held on the last day from 9:30 am-2:00 pm on July 14, 2023. Additionally, there will be a course “Orientation Session” held virtually on Monday May 15 in the evening, 5:30-8:30 pm.

Expectations and Time Commitment: Students will meet **virtually** on the scheduled class days and will have an estimated equivalent amount of preparatory and reflective work each week. Preparatory work will include completing assigned readings, watching online video modules on topics pertaining to practice in geriatrics, preparing for in-class discussions and activities, and writing a final paper and presentation for the “SLIG Showcase” scheduled at the end of the course. Students will be asked to keep their schedules open during weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm from June 27 to July 14 because the course schedules are based on community partners and faculty availability and are therefore subject to change. Absences will be excused only for health and other serious reasons. Please note that after each session you will be asked to complete a brief evaluation of the session. Completing the session evaluations is a SLIG course requirement.

Learning Activities: Interprofessional learning experiences in the SLIG course typically include both experiential and didactic learning. The experiential learning is in collaboration with our community partners in a variety of care settings. Due to the special circumstances around COVID-19 pandemic, in-person visits to the community clinic sites will not be a part of the 2023 SLIG course; instead our partners from a variety of care



settings will deliver online presentations. We will also be highlighting interprofessional work in geriatrics associated with COVID-19 issues for older adults.

Didactic training will include class sessions as well as self-study of course readings and online educational modules on topics pertaining to interprofessional geriatric practice created by the ENGAGE-IL team. Together, the experiential and didactic learning components address the continuum of care of older adults, including the trajectory of illness, at different levels and transitions of care.

Each SLIG Scholar will research and develop a paper, which they will present at an end of program at the **SLIG Showcase**. The topic selection for the paper will start with the student's application personal statement. After further discussion of the topic at course orientation on May 15, a written proposal will be due on May 31, with final papers and presentations on July 14.

Stipend: \$2,000* will be awarded to each scholar who successfully completes the program.

Eligibility Criteria: Health science students in the COM, CON, COP, AHS, SPH and JACSW who are in good academic standing per participating schools/colleges and who meet the below criteria are eligible to apply.

COM students rising M2 students who have completed their M1 course work in the first semester successfully are eligible

CON students only graduate students are eligible

COP students P2 students are eligible

AHS students who meet the additional criteria described below are eligible:

For the Department of Occupational Therapy

- Graduate students who are licensed occupational therapists (e.g., post professional OTD students, PhD students)
 - o Note: Due to schedule conflicts involving required courses and fieldwork, students enrolled in the entry-level (MS) OT program are not eligible

For the Department of Physical Therapy

- Graduates of the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) professional program
 - o Note: Due to schedule conflicts involving required courses and fieldwork, students enrolled in the DPT program are not eligible.
 - o Second year DPT students whose summer clinical experience could not be scheduled would be eligible to apply.
- Graduate students who are licensed physical therapists (e.g. PhD students, MS in Rehabilitation Science students) in the U.S. or another country.

For the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition

- Students enrolled in their first year of the MS CP in Nutrition Program
- Graduate students who are licensed as RDs/RDNs (e.g., MS and PhD Students)

SPH students MPH and MHA students are eligible

JACSW students only graduate students are eligible

Application & Selection Process & Dates:

- SLIG Course application submission deadline: January 31, 2023
- Notification to selected Scholars: by March 2023

Applicants must complete the **Program Application (Appendix A)** and submit it by **January 31, 2023** to engageil@engageil.com

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a Selection Committee (**Appendix B, Application review criteria**). Two students from each of the six participating professions will be selected. An additional one medical student will be selected for *The Dr. Akavut Suesakul Memorial Scholarship in Primary Care Geriatrics* (see **Appendix C** for details).

The decision of the Selection Committee will be communicated to applicants by March 2023.

***Rules and regulations for receiving stipend:**

Current HRSA Federal Grant (# U1QHP28730) stipend restrictions for Summer Scholars include:

1. If a student receives federal loans, the stipend may be applied to his/her student loan instead of being disbursed directly to the student.
2. Stipends will be disbursed into students' UIC accounts, not directly disbursed to students. To learn more please visit <http://financialaid.uic.edu/scholarships.shtml>
3. If a student is a Foreign National, existing federal HRSA grant restriction **do not allow** stipend payments, however, students are able to participate in the program without receiving the stipend.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Scholars who are selected and agree to participate in the SLIG program will be required to fulfill their commitment and learning agreement. Declining to participate in the program after acceptance creates substantial logistic challenges for the organizers and also takes away the scholarship opportunity from other potential candidates.

Attendance: Students will be asked to participate in all scheduled course activities including the course orientation on Monday, May 15 evening and keep their schedules open weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm from June 27 to July 14, 2023 for scheduled classes as well as course assignments. The course scheduled activities are based on community partners and faculty availability and are subject to change. Absences will be excused only for health and other serious reasons.

Course Evaluation: Please note that after each session students will be asked to complete a brief evaluation of the session. Completing the session evaluation is a requirement of the SLIG Course. Please consider applying for this course only if you are able to comply with the above course requirements.

Funding:

The SLIG course is funded by a federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant #U1QHP28730.

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Application

1. Applicant information

Please print legibly or type

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____

UIC College/Profession: _____

UIC Email address: _____

Alternate Email address: _____

Preferred telephone contact number(s): _____

2. Current curriculum vitae (CV)

3. **Personal Statement.** Please describe why you would like to participate in the *SLIG Program* and what makes you a strong candidate for this program, focusing specially on the following four IPEC interprofessional domains:

- Values and ethics
- Role and responsibilities
- Interprofessional communication
- Teamwork

For each domain, please reflect on and share what skills you bring or would like to develop. As part of your learning experience, you will choose a topic for a paper presentation. In your statement, please include 1-3 potential topics for your scholarly paper based on your prior experiences and interests, along with a brief explanation of why you are interested in the chosen topic(s). Your proposed topic(s) will be discussed during the SLIG course orientation session on May 15, 2023 and will be refined with faculty input. Each SLIG scholar will submit a paper proposal by May 31, 2023 and present their completed paper at an end of program at the **IPE Geriatrics Learning Showcase** on July 14, 2023.

Personal Statement should be maximum 2 pages, double spaced, with one-inch margins, using at least an 11-point font).

Complete the application and email or submit electronically to: engageil@engageil.com

When submitting your application, please include all sections as **one document**, in the following order:

1. Applicant Information
2. CV
3. Personal Statement (see specifications above)

Applications must be received by January 31, 2023



Appendix B

Application Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Alignment of applicant's interests and commitments with program goal
2. Overall quality of the application
3. Evidence of applicant's ability to successfully participate in the program (based on CV & Personal Statement)

Appendix C

The Dr. Akavut Suesakul Memorial Scholarship in Primary Care Geriatrics



Akavut (Tyse) Suesakul, MD
1981-2019

Dr. Akuvat Suesakul, MD was a family physician who received medical training in his native country, Thailand, and later in USA. He was passionate about high-quality, patient- and family-centered care for older adults and had a special interest in providing home-based care. Dr. Suesakul served as the Director of UI Health Home Visits Program. Dr. Suesakul was a vibrant and kind person, as well as an outstanding physician, teacher, colleague, and friend. In March 2019, we lost a valued member of the Family Medicine Team. Dr. Suesakul is survived by his wife and 5-year old daughter, Bentley.

Dr. Suesakul exemplified compassionate care, leadership, advocacy, and scholarship in primary care geriatrics. To commemorate and honor the memory and contributions of Dr. Suesakul, the UIC COM Department of Family Medicine has established *The Dr. Akavut Suesakul Memorial Scholarship in Primary Care Geriatrics*. This distinguished scholarship will be awarded annually to one selected UIC Medical Student between 1st and 2nd year of medical school. Medical students interested in careers in Family Medicine and Geriatrics are encouraged to apply.

Applications will open each year in the fall and the award will be announced in the spring. Training will be provided in the summer. The scholarship will include six weeks of learning experiences in interprofessional clinical work, leadership, advocacy, and scholarship in the care of older adults. The medical student selected for the Suesakul Scholarship will receive a \$2,000 stipend as part of the award, funded by the UIC Department of Family & Community Medicine.