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Dear Colleagues:

The College of Nursing at the University of North Dakota has recently started a new Master of Science Specialization in Gerontology Nursing. Students may choose to pursue the Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (GNP) or the Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (GCNS) track. The exciting news is that the courses in this specialization are all offered on line, and students may enroll either full time or part time. Another advantage is that students may complete the more than 600 hours of clinical experience in their own home communities.

As you know, North Dakota and our region have a high percentage of residents age 65 and older. By the year 2020, residents 65 years and older will have grown by 55,000 and will constitute 23% of the state's population. The UND College of Nursing has recognized the shortage of advanced practice nurses who are prepared to meet the complex needs of older adults in our state as well as our region.

This new Gerontology specialization is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions, Division of Nursing. The fact that this grant was federally funded reflects the importance of having well educated nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists to take care of our growing elderly population in this region.

We are sharing this information with you and encourage you to consider pursuing an advanced practice degree in Gerontology Nursing. You can easily find more information about the UND College of Nursing at: <http://www.nursing.und.edu/grad> or contact the UND College of Nursing, Graduate Studies Office at 701-777-4552. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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