Why is WV-GRIT Unique?

Modeled after the very successful CRIT (Chief Residents’ Immersion Training) Program developed by Boston University, and initiated by a grant from the funders of that program—the Harford Foundation and American Geriatrics Society, three prior CRIT sessions have been provided in WV.

WV-GRIT has evolved from CRIT into a very unique program to address the serious education needs of those who care for the elderly of the Mountain State. We still target Chief Residents of the residency training programs in various specialties, but we also involve trainees and faculty in other fields.

Our goal is a healthcare professional workforce for West Virginia which is “elder-informed” and ready for the challenges of progressive aging of the population.

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Geriatrics Retreat/Immersion Training in Care of the Elderly

September 11-13, 2015
Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV

Supported by WV Higher Education Policy Commission and the Rural Health Initiative

Adapted from Boston University’s “CRIT” Program with grants from The Harford Foundation & The American Geriatrics Society
**WHAT IS GRIT?**

WV-GRIT—Geriatric Retreat/Immersion Training—is a unique program. While WV's elderly population is large, the number of geriatric specialist educators in medicine and related fields is too small. GRIT aims to expand the reach of Geriatric Education in West Virginia by "training the trainer".

We teach our participants the fundamental principles involved in caring for the elderly. AND, because Geriatrics is by far the most interprofessional of the medical specialties, we teach GRIT learners the skills needed to work collaboratively.

In turn, we expect GRIT graduates to return to their institutions ready and able to share that knowledge with their peers and students. Thus the small pool of Geriatric Education specialists in WV can gradually expand to cover the needs of many more students.

GRIT is specifically designed to be collegial, inspiring, and relaxing. Rather than a "board review"-type experience packed with intense, fast-paced, and detailed content, we offer a unique mixture of a case to be worked through in small groups and "mini-lectures" which emphasize the most critical points of Geriatric practice.

Importantly, it is all **free of charge** and participants are invited to bring their families or a guest to enjoy a weekend in a beautiful, relaxing setting.

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**GRIT SCHEDULE**

**Friday, September 11, 2015**

4:00 to 6:00 PM: Arrival at Glade Springs, Registration, Pre-Test

6:00 PM/6:30 PM: Appetizers/Dinner

7:30 PM: GRIT Introduction & Opening Program

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

7:00 AM: Breakfast

8:00 AM: **MODULE I:** Small Group Breakouts, Mini-lectures

10:10 AM: Break

10:30 AM: **MODULE II:** Small Group Breakouts, Mini-lectures

11:45 AM: LUNCH including Collaboration Skills lecture

1:00 PM: Mini-lectures and GRIT Project Info/Assignments

2:00 PM: Adjourn for the day.

Enjoy Glade Springs & Southern WV!!

**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

7:00 AM: Breakfast

8:00 AM: **MODULE III:** Breakouts, Mini-lectures

10:15 AM: Break and Hotel Check-out

10:45 AM: **THE WIND-UP:** Mini-lectures, Post-test

1:15 PM: Program Adjournment

(Schedule is subject to minor changes.)

**Families/guests invited to join us for all meals noted above!!**