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The Effect of a Beginning Level Geriatric Nursing Course on Student Attitude Towards
Working with Older Adults

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Restatement of professional enhancement opportunity

The purpose of this professional enhancement activity was to provide an ATU nursing faculty member the opportunity to present a poster at, and attend, the 5th Annual Upper Midwest Geriatric Nursing Education Alliance Meeting. The meeting was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 21-22, 2012.

Review of professional enhancement opportunity

While at the 5th Annual Upper Midwest Geriatric Nursing Education Alliance Meeting, not only was the faculty member able to share knowledge and research findings, but was also able to attend the conference where others shared educational projects related to geriatric nursing.

Summary of experience

The faculty member attended the 5th Annual Upper Midwest Geriatric Nursing Education Alliance Meeting. While there, the faculty member shared a poster presentation titled, "The Effect of a Beginning Level Geriatric Nursing Course on Student Attitude Towards Working with Older Adults." Future research in this area was discussed specifically with two other attendees and a collaborative research effort was planned. In addition, the faculty member was able to gather new ideas for implementation in NUR 3213 Nursing Care of the Older Adult.

Conclusion and recommendations

In conclusion, the conference was extremely beneficial in terms of the faculty member being able to participate in scholarly activities and the sharing of knowledge and

research findings. The conference was also beneficial in the continual process of gathering new information and ideas for improving NUR 3213 Care of the Older Adult.