

University of North Dakota (UND)
School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS)
Chair, Department of Geriatrics

Position Description

The Eva Gilbertson Distinguished Chair of Geriatrics will recruit and develop faculty for the SMHS Department of Geriatrics. The Chair will provide leadership and guidance of the education, research, patient care, and community health programs dedicated to serving the needs of the elderly. The Chair will be a public voice for the department, communicating its value and resource requirements to public and private constituencies, including elected officials, policymakers, corporate and philanthropic supporters as well as prospects dedicated to interdisciplinary research and teaching in the field of geriatrics.

As the department's educational leader, the Chair will create curricula and insure excellent teaching programs for students, residents, fellows in the field of geriatric medicine. Furthermore, the Chair will be responsible for the development, administration, and execution of the academic, clinical, and community programs, ensuring their continued accreditation and compliance with regulatory requirements. Building upon the SMHS's particular research strengths, the Chair will actively promote creative programs of high-quality scientific research in the field of geriatrics and will be responsible for developing and facilitating an interdisciplinary and collaborative research environment that promotes excellence.

The Chair will actively work with clinical partners to best serve the needs of the aging population in North Dakota.

Reporting Relationship

Reports to the Senior Associate Dean for Medicine and Research

Specific Responsibilities

The position of Chair of the Department of Geriatrics will have a number of specific responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

Education - In a coordinated, interdisciplinary fashion

- Develop relationships with community agencies and health systems which will partner with SMHS in educating future and current health providers to effectively meet the health needs of the elderly.
- Create interdisciplinary and interprofessional models of teaching. The Department of Geriatrics should explore opportunities to interact collaboratively with other programs within the SMHS, as well as other parts of the University.
- Recruit faculty and staff for the Geriatrics Department.
- Participate in the Patient-Centered Learning curriculum.
- Explore the possibility of creating a Geriatrics Fellowship.

Clinical care

- Active clinically in geriatric practice.
- Serve as a resource to communities and providers.
- Explore existing and new venues to improve health care for the elderly.
- Act as a resource for all community providers.

Relationships and resource management

- Develop relationships with community agencies, acting as a representative of SMHS in the aging community.
- Select location for the Department of Geriatrics in consultation with other Department Chairs and clinical partners.
- Administer department budget. Prepare annual budget requests and recommend to the Dean opportunities for other funds that may be available to the Department.
- Act as a resource to other UND departments and faculty, both within and outside of the SMHS.

Research

- Establish geriatrics research program within and across the department and serve as a resource to advise and collaborate with faculty in other SMHS units, the University, and the community at large.
- Establishing and maintain a strong externally funded research program.