

Community based service-learning: Since 1997, I have worked with teams of interdisciplinary colleagues and students to provide culturally appropriate services to older adults in their communities. Interdisciplinary rural training grants have been the primary occasions for this work. Our team has provided consultation in many places, including McCain Prison in Hoke County, NC. The aging of rural populations in North Carolina, is a trend occurring in countries across the globe, including Thailand where I visited in 2009. Jobs and young adults are moving to cities, leaving impoverished and isolated older adults in rural areas. I believe that teamwork and forming effective communities of practice is key to meeting needs of older adults and their families.

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Interdisciplinary Training Grants (summary)

- Hubbard Grant - (2000-present) P.I. Busby- Whitehead. Hubbard Foundation. Home based interdisciplinary assessments for older adults with complex needs. My role: Faculty adviser and preceptor for students from occupational science, nursing, pharmacy, medicine, and social work. .
- Allied Health Partnerships for Health and Education (7/1/04-6/30/07)PI Rebecca Hunter; Bureau of Health Professions Grant; My role: *Coursework Director* – Direct courses associated with project; Lead interdisciplinary seminars; recruit and mentor students
- Carolina Geriatric Education Center – (7/1/02- 6/30/07) (2006 termination-Federal budget cut) PI Rebecca Hunter; Bureau of Health Professions Grant . My role: Interdisciplinary Teamwork Coordinator, Coordinator of the Mental Health Working Group, lead teamwork training programs, mentor students and other trainees, develop instructional materials, and teach in the *Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Program*.
- Involving Students in Interdisciplinary Geriatric Teamwork (In-SIGHT), (7/01/01-06/30/04) PI Rebecca H Hunter Bureau of Health Professions. My role: *Course Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Teamwork in Geriatrics*. Represent Occupational Science on the In-SIGHT Steering Committee, recruit and mentor students and preceptors, develop instructional materials, and teach in the Geriatric Practice Leader Program.
- Interdisciplinary Rural Training Program – (7/1/01- 6/30/03) PI Rebecca Hunter; Bureau of Health Professions Grant. My role: *OT Faculty Liaison* recruit students and faculty for the program, serve on the Planning Committee and mentor students, rural practitioners, & preceptors.
- Geriatric Training Alliance (GETA) - (1999- 2002) PI: Jan Busby- Whitehead, MD Bureau of Health Professions Interdisciplinary Project; for interdisciplinary case based team educational sessions at UNC and in rural outreach. Telehealth consultations to rural sites.
- Fostering Interdisciplinary Approaches to Care of Rural Elderly (1997-1999) PI: Jan Busby-Whitehead, MD John A. Hartford Foundation, Interdisciplinary Project; My role” support to develop and present interdisciplinary educational materials for students and practitioners. Telehelath consultations to rural sites.