An Inter-professional **Translational**

CATALYST

Project







Use of a Collaborative Approach to Improve Teaching And **Learning Yielding Sustainable and Translational Outcomes**

Collaborative Departments:

Medicine, Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Nursing, Chinese Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Social Work, Biomedical and Applied Engineering

Learning Objectives: Geriatric Care, Medication Safety

E-learning Platform, Community Outreach

Aging is unavoidable and a multidisciplinary approach is required to handle the geriatric syndromes encountered. The rapidly aging population demands a system that promotes better healthcare in our community. Students however have difficulties in understanding the application of knowledge to address the needs of the public. The CATALYST project is designed to develop the inter-professional translational e-teaching platform in health sciences education.



Teachers from eight departments prepared a series of geriatric care knowledge materials and uploaded to a course called CU CATALYST on BLACKBOARD. Students would need to complete the assignments on this platform before participating in the community outreach service.

Medicine

Pharmacology

Chinese

Social Work

-Nutritional iss -Home Safety -Wound Care

-Common Traditional Chinese Medicines used in elderly

-Health Technology



Organized by CU CHAMPION, the outreach service team of CUHK Faculty of Medicine. The program provided various oppurtunities for students to practice their skills, improve their understandings in geriatric care and communication skills with elderly.

Volunteers, Number of Sessions, Subjects, and Objectives





206 Student Volunteers Participated



Outreach Sessions



1548 Elders attended the services



Health Questionnaire



Drug Recording



Measure Weight and Height



Blood Pressu Monitoring



Fall Risk



Nutrition



Atrial Fibrillation



Medication Safety



Drug Consultation by Registered Pharmacists



Service Summary by CUHK Students



Blood Glucose



ctrocardiogram

There were significant increases in understanding of medication safety, atrial fibrillation, and communication skills with elderly among the students who participated in this project.

+9%

+27%

Results & Findings



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Students particiatpion in PRE & POST self evaluation questionnaires



Medication safety

+17%



Atrial fibrillation Understanding of medication safety knowledge





Students agreed that both outreach &

CATALYST met their

expectation







4 types of certificates for students, based on their participation in the program

Conclusion

and learning platforms to improve cohesive teaching and learning outcomes addressing the needs of the public. The CATALYST project strived to impact on the quality and delivery of teaching and aims to improve professional education in tertiary education institutions.