What is AGE-MEDU?

The AGE-MEDU project addresses the growing demand for geriatric nursing as Europe's population ages. By modernising curricula, integrating digital tools and promoting sustainability, it ensures that nursing education is aligned with the current and future needs of the labour market. With the population aged over 65 expected to reach 28.5 per cent by 2050, the AGE-MEDU project attracts young talent and prepares nurses to provide high-quality care, especially for older people with complex illnesses such as dementia.

What do we aim to achieve?

The AGE-MEDU project improves nursing education in the EU by developing an innovative geriatrics and gerontology programme in Croatia, the Netherlands, Portugal and Greece. The main activities include identifying gaps in curricula, creating teaching materials, integrating a VR training platform and offering online workshops to improve educators' digital skills. The project presents research-based policy recommendations, a new nursing education programme and digital resources for students, professors and practice providers.

Project partners

Croatia

ŽENA, European Coordinator
Veleučilište u Šibeniku

The Netherlands

AFEdemy - Academy on Age-Friendly Environments in Europe BV
The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Greece

Diophantus - Computer Technology Institute and Press

Portugal

SHINE 2Europe
Universidade do Porto

Project objectives

- **Research the needs and shortcomings of nursing studies in geriatrics and gerontology.**
- **Develop policy recommendations for improving nursing studies.**
- **Propose a new nursing study program in geriatrics and gerontology.**
- **Create educational materials for students, professors and practice providers.**
- **Conduct a free 3-day online workshop for professors and external lecturers to develop digital skills, in 5 languages.**
- **Develop a VR-based platform.**
- **Disseminate widely project results.**

Project outcomes

Recommendations for Ministries and Agencies: Outline a strategy for updating nursing curricula in higher education, including a definition and categorisation of needs, the rationale for introducing geriatrics and gerontology as separate subjects and a model curriculum plan.

Materials to support the study of geriatrics and gerontology in HE: Three handbooks for Professors, Students and Internship Supervisors with digital learning content and interactive presentations.

Innovative Immersive Learning Environment: VR Educational Platform with realistic simulations and scenarios that replicate real-world challenges that enhance students' clinical skills, critical thinking and decision-making competencies.

Events and other dissemination activities: To raise awareness about the importance of these topics in nursing studies and to promote other project outcomes.



Advancing Geriatric Education for Nurses and Techs at High University

AGE-MEDU is pioneering the way in nursing education with an innovative program in geriatrics and gerontology, using VR-based training to revolutionize healthcare education for older adults.

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