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Transforming perspective on older adults: Conceptualizing the “Silver Tsunami” as a cultural paradigm shift

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The purpose of this presentation is to showcase older adults as their own diverse group. They are so unique, a

“one size fits all” answer doesn’t fit. To successfully transform nurses working with older adults, a shift to being inclusive in all things diverse needs to occur to meet the needs of this diverse “Silver Tsunami”. This course has been successfully delivered as a stand-alone senior level course in a traditional BSN program. The target audience of this presentation is nurse educators in clinical and classroom settings

for student nurses. These future nurses will be caring for the “Silver Tsunami” and need to see their diversity.

Biography

Katheryn Fernandez received her Ph.D. and Master of Science from The Ohio State University and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wright State University. In addition to being a registered nurse, she also is a certified chemical dependency counselor/supervisor. She is also board certified in gerontological nursing. Research interests are in aging, addictions, and leadership.

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