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Salve Regina College, Newport, has received funding, under Title I of the Higher Education Act, for a unique project to train varied personnel in geriatric patient care.

Entitled "Education for the Community: A program of education to train personnel in geriatric patient care," the program seeks to develop awareness of needs in this area, to synthesize resources, and to act as a model program for careers in geriatric care.

Its innovative aspects are threefold. It will be conducted at individual nursing homes, where the relevant resources of the academic community will be put at the services of each home. Personnel will be trained to identify their work as part of a concerted effort. Families, too, of the older adult patients will be involved as much as possible.

Instructional personnel will include experts in such areas as nursing, nutrition, the psychology of aging, and social services. A team of therapists physical, occupational, recreational, speech - will be made available. Ministerial representatives from different religious denominations will also be sought for their spiritual and consultative help.

Sister Virginia Walsh, R. S. M., Coordinator of Community Services at the Newport college, is director of the project, which has been given \$10,002 from federal funds. "It is intended," Sister Virginia says, "that the program serve as a model for nursing homes and thus contribute to the alleviation of an increasingly more serious community problem."

The program will extend from September, 1974 to May, 1975.