

## *Interprofessional Event Trains Four Schools On Geriatric Opioid Misuse*



An interprofessional team approach for geriatric opioid misuse was the topic of a training event for health professions students on Friday, September 13th, 2019. Students and faculty from the College of Health Professions (CHP) in the Schools of Nursing, Social Work, Counseling, and Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology joined with NEOMED pharmacy and medical students and faculty to address opioid-related health issues.

The event was sponsored by a \$3.7 million dollar grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration with partners from The University of Akron, Northeast Ohio College of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOMED), Summa Health, Direction Home Area Agency on Aging, and others. Seventy-nine students came together for a three-hour interactive training that included team building, opioid assessment skills sessions, and an interprofessional team meeting simulation that featured a standardized patient actor role-playing the family member. Learning was focused on increasing knowledge, skills and attitudes related to working with opioid overdose in older adults within interprofessional teams. UA representatives on this grant from CHP include Dr. Diane Brown (Nursing, PI), Dr. Lori Kidd (Nursing), Dr. Rikki Patton (Counseling) and Janice Steinmetz (Social Work).