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Dr. Lunsford has lead funded research to provide more comprehensive and continuous care for older adults and their families, including creating innovative online curricula that integrates geriatrics, gerontology and palliative care; teaching a person-centered approach to care; and using interactive education and creative arts. Other research has focused on needs assessment of older adults for office on aging services, meaningfulness for older adults in long term care, community resources and support services to enable older adults to age in place, and reducing isolation for homebound Seniors.

The impact of her work is exemplified by interprofessional learning communities that integrate geriatrics and palliative care. The learners experience more positive attitudes about aging and care of older adults; and they appreciate the strengths and resilience of older adults, as well as the impact of socio-environmental factors on health and wellbeing.

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