## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### By the end of this presentation, the learner will have an understanding concerning the impact of gerontology specific education as a strategy to improve student nurses’ attitudes.

This presentation will share the research findings of a nursing program which provided a seven-week gerontology specific education.

### The learner will understand the value of the research findings as a springboard to initiate conversations of attitudes towards the elderly.

The presentation will share assumptions about student attitudes in an identified setting that may have been inaccurate. This translates to the importance of not assuming what is happening in the educational setting and measuring the reality that exists.

### The learner will determine the importance of providing gerontology specific education in individual schools of nursing.

This presentation will share the research findings in diploma program. However, sample characteristics may be representative of other types of nursing programs (i.e. accelerated nursing programs).