



Engagement Foundations

Student Curricula Toolkit

Co-Developed by the Aging PCOR Learning Collaborative



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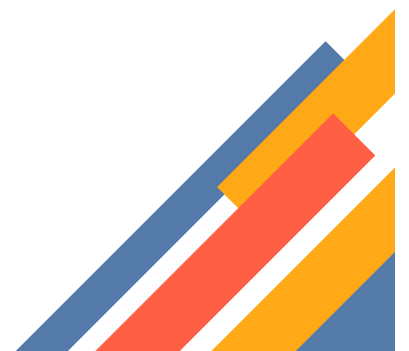




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Background on Engaged Research

The **Aging PCOR Learning Collaborative** is a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funded project dedicated to increasing researcher readiness to engage people with lived experience as partners, rather than merely participants, in the research process.

What Do We Mean by Engagement?

- Working together as partners, not just researcher/participant
- Learning from partners across the research phases
- Being flexible
- Being accessible



What Do We Mean by People with Lived Experience?

- People whose lives are directly impacted by your research topic
 - For instance, an older adult has lived experience in aging
- People with lived experience often embody unique perspectives that may be inaccessible to “traditional experts”
- Lived experience is a form of expertise

Lived Experience Includes Perspectives that:

- Help uncover problems you did not know existed
- Bring new interpretations and solutions to old problems
- Bring real-life examples of why diversity, equity, and inclusion matter



Where Can I Learn More About Engagement?

- The Benefits of Engaged Research [Video Series](#)
- Engaged Research [Podcast Series](#)
- Aging PCOR Learning Collaborative [Resource Library](#)





Session 1

History of Engaged Research

Objective

Understand the theoretical and historical underpinnings of engagement



History of Engaged Research

Topics

Historical and Theoretical Underpinnings

1

PowerPoint Slides

Available here: [Slide Deck 1](#)

2

Readings and Resources

Available here: [Resource Links](#)

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Discussion Activities

Available here: [Activity Packet](#)

4

Session Recording

Available here: [Session Recording Link](#)



Session 2

Engagement in the Research Process

Objective

Understand the relevance of and opportunities for engagement across the spectrum of research



Engagement in the Research Process

Topics

Opportunities for Engagement Across Research Phases
Benefits and Challenges of Engagement
Harms of Not Conducting Engagement

1

PowerPoint Slides

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Session 3

Factors that Influence Engagement in Practice

Objective

Develop concrete next steps for implementing engagement in individual research



Factors that Influence Engagement in Practice

Topics

People, Approach, and Environmental Factors

1

PowerPoint Slides

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Engagement Foundations Quiz

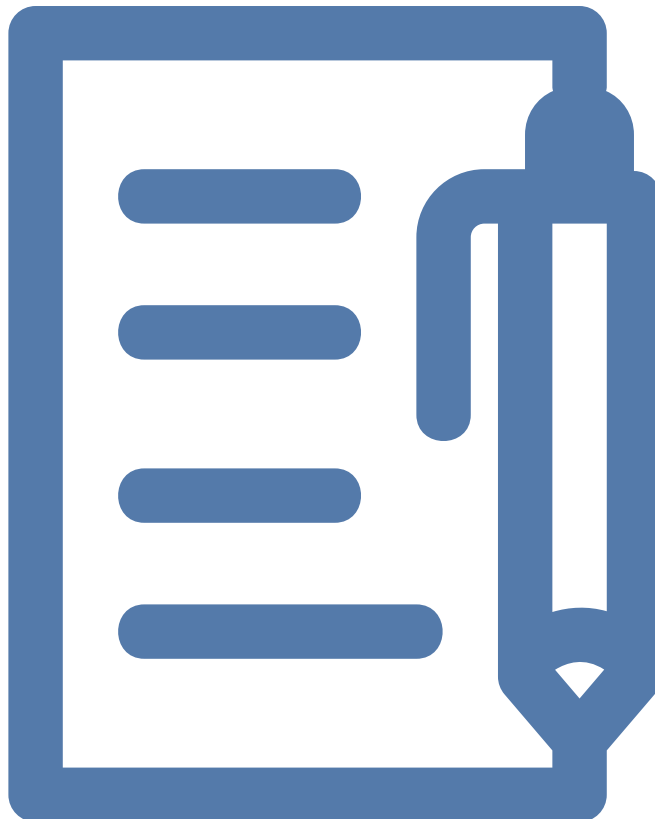
Potential Quiz Questions

Use all or some of the provided questions to assess your students' understanding of Engagement Foundations.

*Consider pulling open-ended questions from the Discussion Packets for final assessments.

Final Assessment
Questions

Final Assessment
Answers





How to use this Toolkit

The Engagement Foundations Student Curricula Toolkit is a flexible tool intended to:

- Support students to learn about and prepare for community engagement.
- Support faculty to incorporate community engagement into their curricula with ease.

What can I use from this toolkit?

Use whatever makes sense for you! For example:

- Share the full Toolkit with students as an option to review and complete for extra credit
- Share clips of or the full recorded sessions as an alternative to live lectures
- Incorporate the slide decks into existing lecture material

Can I edit the content in the toolkit?

Yes! To edit:

- Open the links to the slide decks, resource links, activities packets, or quiz. These links are stored in Google Drive as “view only”
- Click “file” in the upper left corner
- Choose to “save a copy”
- Edit your copy and use the content for your purposes

*Please note, we ask that the session recordings are used as is and not edited or changed.

How can I cite this toolkit?

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