Historically, the University of New England has offered local community outreach programs promoting health to our older citizens. However, these programs depended on the service effort of individual faculty and ultimately were not sustained. Our poster presentation describes an interprofessional, educational initiative, developed by faculty from four programs at the University, as well as community partners, to decrease the number of falls in a pilot site of community-dwelling seniors. The model includes students from the four programs working closely with faculty to design a fall-reduction program at the community facility. The goals of the model are to:

1) Increase student knowledge of interdisciplinary teamwork
2) Increase student understanding of work with seniors
3) Increase seniors' knowledge about fall prevention
4) Utilize health literacy in communication with seniors

This academic-community partnership (ACP) offers an alternative model for the development of sustainable, community outreach programs. It is the only known ACP model existing that promotes fall prevention among the senior population.