



## **Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) Announces Lecture for Professionals Working with Older Adults**

**March 5 Lecture to be held at The Health Center at Galloway**

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**Galloway Township, NJ** – The Stockton Center on Successful Aging’s next professional workshop in the First Wednesday series is designed to help professionals working with older adults.

“Developing a Handicap Scale for Measurement of Dual Sensory Loss in Older Adults” is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 5** from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at The Health Center at Galloway, located at 66 West Jimmie Leeds Road in Galloway.

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Debra Busacco, assistant professor of Health Sciences at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and SCOSA Research Fellow (2013-2014).

Dr. Busacco received her Ph.D. in Audiology from Columbia University (1988) and her post-masters Certificate in Aging from the Brookdale Institute on Aging at Hunter College (1992). She is co-principal investigator for a National Institute of Aging (NIH) Research & Development Grant (2013-2014) titled HEAR-ITT, a hearing education video system on hearing aid orientation and auditory rehabilitation for older adults.

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This presentation will focus on providing information on dual sensory loss in older adults. Information on the demographics of dual sensory loss in older adults will be presented and the physical, social and psychological impact of dual sensory loss will be shared. Dr. Busacco will present a scale she developed to assess the impact and handicapping effects of hearing and vision loss in this population. Statistical analyses related to the scale development will be discussed. Clinical implications of using the results of this scale to determine an older adult's candidacy for auditory and/or visual rehabilitation programs will be addressed.

The March 5 lecture will include a light breakfast. Upon completion, participants will receive one Continuing Education credit for Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Licensed Professional Counselors.

Online advanced registration is required and can be accessed via the SCOSA website at [www.stockton.edu/scosa](http://www.stockton.edu/scosa). For seminar information, contact David Burdick at 609-652-4311. For updates and cancellation procedures, visit the SCOSA website [www.stockton.edu/scosa](http://www.stockton.edu/scosa).

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