

# GERONTOLOGY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE

Code	Title	Credits
GRN-179	Careers in Gerontology	1
GRN-290	Special Topics in Gerontology	3
HE-163	Body & Drugs I: Introduction to Abuse & Addiction	3
HS-154	Community Resources	3
HS-156	Conducting Human Service Interviews	3

## Program Code: CC.GERHLCAREPRO

The need for nurses to be better prepared for caring for our aging population has been highlighted by the National League for Nursing (NLN) 2012, The Hartford Center for Geriatric Nursing (1996), The Institute of Medicine (IOM) 2012, Healthy People 20-20 and myriad other nursing organizations. Currently, the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) requires students receive Older Adult content in NRS-110 Foundations of Nursing - Health Promotion, and then the assumption is that as the curricula address the lifespan of an individual, that more gerontology content is included throughout the program. Although this may be the case, it is up to each individual college and then each individual instructor to determine when and how much gerontology content to include. This career pathway certificate will address the need for students in nursing and other health sciences programs (such as [Medical Assistant](#), and [Emergency Medical Technology](#)) to have the background and knowledge to work with the aging population.

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## Outcomes

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Upon the successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- apply current theories in gerontology to their field of practice;
- apply gerontological concepts to practice settings working with older adults;
- differentiate between normal aging and disease processes associated with aging, especially chronic illness and dementia;
- provide support to older adults grieving a loss (including the death of a loved one) by utilizing knowledge and skills of grief and bereavement;
- discuss the impact of aging on patient care in the allied health fields.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
GRN-181	Issues in Aging	3
GRN-182	Aging and the Body	3
GRN-183	Death and Dying	3
GRN-184	Aging & the Individual	3
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<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>

## Electives

Code	Title	Credits
FYE-101	First Year Experience Level I	2
GRN-165	Life Enrichment With Older Adults	3