

GERONTOLOGY, CERTIFICATE

Program Code: CC.GERONTOLOGY

The Gerontology program offers a one-year certificate on the study of aging, which is designed for individuals who work with older people. The one-year certificate can provide significant coursework towards the two-year [Human Services Generalist AAS](#).

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Outcomes

Related Instruction Outcomes

Computation

- 1 course - MTH-050 Technical Mathematics I or MTH-065 Algebra II or MTH-098 College Math Foundations
- Use appropriate mathematics to solve problems.

Communication

- 1 course - WR-101 Workplace Writing or WR-121Z Composition I
- Read actively, think critically, and write purposefully and capably for professional audiences.

Human Relations

- 1 course - HS-156 Conducting Human Service Interviews
- Engage in ethical communication processes that accomplish goals.

Program Outcomes

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

- describe the different career options available in the field of gerontology;
- apply gerontological concepts to practice settings working with older adults;
- demonstrate an understanding of current community resources available to older adults and how to access them;
- communicate effectively with co-workers and clients of all ages;
- differentiate between normal aging and disease processes associated with aging, especially chronic illness and dementia;
- provide support to older adults grieving a loss (such as loss of spouse, job, or independence) by utilizing knowledge and skills of grief and bereavement.

Requirements

Fall Term		Credits
GRN-181	Issues in Aging	3.00
HE-163	Body & Drugs I: Introduction to Abuse & Addiction	3.00
WR-101 or WR-121Z	Workplace Writing or Composition I	4.00
Electives (p. 1)		3.00
Credits		13
Winter Term		
GRN-182	Aging and the Body	3.00
GRN-184	Aging & the Individual	3.00

HS-154	Community Resources	3.00
Select one of the following:		4.00
MTH-050	Technical Mathematics I	
MTH-065	Algebra II	
MTH-098	College Math Foundations	
Credits		13
Spring Term		
GRN-183	Death and Dying	3.00
HS-156	Conducting Human Service Interviews	3.00
HS-170	Preparation for Field Experience in Human Services	1.00
Electives (p. 1)		6.50
Credits		13.5
Summer Term		
HS-270	Human Services Practicum Seminar	2.00
GRN-280	Gerontology/CWE	4.00
Credits		6
Total Credits		45.5

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
COMM-140	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	4.00
CS-120	Survey of Computing	4.00
ED-258	Culturally Responsive Teaching & Education	3.00
FN-110	Personal Nutrition	3.00
FYE-101	First Year Experience Level I	2.00
GRN-165	Life Enrichment With Older Adults	3.00
GRN-290	Special Topics in Gerontology	3.00
HE-164	Body & Drugs II: Alcohol	3.00
HS-100	Introduction to Human Services	3.00
HS-103	Ethics for Human Service Workers	2.00
HS-211	Infectious Diseases and Harm Reduction	1.00
HS-216	Group Counseling Skills	3.00
HS-232	Case Management	3.00
HS-256	Advanced Interviewing Skills With Theory	3.00
NUR-100	Nursing Assistant I	6.50
NUR-100C	Nursing Assistant I Clinical	0.00
PSY-219	Introduction to Psychological Disorders	4.00

Other electives may be approved by the program advisor

Careers

Career opportunities include:

- activity director
- volunteer coordinator
- senior services case worker
- information and referral worker
- client advocate
- administrative and support personnel in senior residential facilities