

GERONTOLOGY, Certificate - 3300

Social Science Department

CIP Code: 19.0702

The Gerontology certificate builds on the coursework of the Gerontology diploma and adds to it in-depth study of topics that include legal and ethical issues, psychological and emotional aspects of aging, and death and dying. This program provides basic knowledge of general concepts and practices in gerontology that can be applied in a number of fields: allied health; social services; activities/recreation; marketing and business; volunteerism; community and human services; government; and professional organizations. The program is offered entirely through Virtual Learning.

Career Opportunities

This certificate is designed to expand the knowledge and opportunities for employment for those exploring or working in the aging field. Graduates may find career opportunities as activities professionals and work toward national certification. They may also work in allied health, social services, or health care administration, as well as in marketing and business. Graduates may also pursue further academic study in nursing, social work, management, liberal arts, and business. (***SOC Code: 21-1093 Social and Human Services Assistant***)

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills
- Utilize current technologies, tools and applications
- Explore opportunities for further study and workforce development in gerontology fields
- Discuss the basic demographics of aging
- Apply basic principles of gerontology to social and health issues
- Recognize differences between normal aging and disease-related aging
- Summarize the physical, mental, social and psychological aspects of aging
- Articulate skills and perspectives necessary to develop an empathetic relationship with an elderly person
- Identify the need for teamwork to provide optimal care for the aging population
- Obtain an in-depth understanding of legal and ethical issues related to aging and end of life issues
- Explain the psychological and emotional processes associated with individuals as they are aging

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 30)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	GERT 100 Gerontology Overview	1	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
		GERT 101 Intro to Gerontology - Social Services	1	SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology	3
		GERT 102 Intro to Gerontology - Allied Health	1	Gerontology Electives	<u>6</u>
		GERT 103 Intro to Gerontology - Psychosocial Issues	1		12
		GERT 104 Intro to Gerontology - Service Learning	1		
		GERT 105 Careers in Gerontology	1		
		GERT 200 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Aging	3		
		GERT 201 Social Aspects of Aging	3		
		GERT 232 Death and Dying	<u>3</u>		
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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I	
ENGL 101	3	GERT 104	1
GERT 100	1	GERT 105	1
GERT 101	1	GERT 200	3
GERT 102	1	GERT 201	3
GERT 103	1	GERT Electives	6
GERT 232	3		
PSYC 101	3		
SOCI 201	3		