Mission

The Applied Gerontology Institute offers an Interdisciplinary Certificate in Applied Gerontology designed to prepare individuals to work effectively with older adults, particularly in culturally diverse communities. The program supports both those entering gerontology careers and those seeking a career change to enhance professional opportunities.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Program Administration/Policy Development
- Direct Services - Individual, Group, and Community
- Support Services and Information for Individuals, Families, and Agencies
- Assessment and Resource Referral
- Home Care, Adult Day Care, Hospital, and Nursing Homes
- Board and Care/Retirement Homes



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Admission Requirements

Completion of 60 semester units of baccalaureate-level coursework or its equivalent.
Or, consent of the Director of the Applied Gerontology Institute (for undecided majors or students enrolling through the College of Professional and Global Education).

The Program

The certificate program requires 21 units:

Required Courses (12 units):

- BIOL 3084 Biology of Human Aging (3) GD UD B

(If BIOL 3084 is not offered, then it can be substituted with either CHDV 3470 Culture and Wellness Across the Lifespan; or SOC 3230 Adult Life in a Diverse World)

- PSY 3620 Psychological and Psychosocial Developmental: Stages in Maturity and Aging (3) GE UD D
- SOC 4500 Sociology of Aging (3)
- SW 3650 Social Policy and Aging (3) GE UD D (d)

Field Experience/Internship:

HHS 4950 Field Work in Health and Human Services

(Valentine Villa Section)

The Field Work component consists of 3 units of field experience. The field experience provides an opportunity to synthesize and apply one's discipline preparation with information and knowledge acquired in the core. 90 hours are required.

The field experience will generally be taken in the student's major area of study.
Non-matriculated students will be placed in agencies specific to their area of expertise or to their career goals.

Note: GE UD-Courses that count for General Education Requirements

Elective Course (6 units):

Select 6 units from the following:

ANTH 3350 Maturity & Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspectives (3)
GE UD D (cl) (d)

CHDV 3410 Development in Adulthood & Aging (3)

COMD 3900 Communication Disorders in Aging (3)
GE UD D

ENGL 3840 Aging in Literature (3)
GE UD C (cl)

KIN 3450 Physiological Effects of Exercise during Aging (3)
GE UD B

KIN 4380 Principles of Exercise for Older Adults (3)

NTRS 3510 Adult Nutrition (3)
GE UD B

NTRS 4510 Nutrition & Aging (3)

NURS 3820 Palliative Care (3)
GE UD D (cl) (d)

NURS 3850 Spiritual Assessment & Care of Older Adults (3)
GE UD C (d)

PHIL 3730 Adult Life & Aging (3)
GE UD C (d)

RELS 3250 Themes of Adult Life in the World's Religions (3)
GE UD C (d)

SOC 4520 Life Span Transitions: The Retirement Years (3)

SOC 4530 Social Aspects of Death & Bereavement (3

SW 3712 Human Behavior & the Social Environment: Late Adolescence Through Old Age (3)

SW 3762 Cross Cultural Practice with Older Adults (3)
GE UD D (cl)