

Graduate Certificate in Gerontological Studies

The postgraduate certificate Gerontological Studies is an interdisciplinary program intended for students enrolled in any graduate degree program and for local professionals. The goal of the certificate program is to enable students to choose a unified, coherent group of courses in gerontological studies and related fields that improve their understanding of issues related to aging. The program curriculum is in compliance with the Core Principles and Outcomes of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.



A minimum of 18 credits (9 credits of core and 9 credits from a concentration area) is required for the completion of the Graduate Certificate in Gerontological Studies.

Gerontological Core

	Credits
COUN/MHLTHSCI/SOCWRK 571 Fundamentals of Aging	3
MHLTHSCI 576 Health Policymaking and Issues in Aging	3
590 Practicum	3

Area of Concentration (select one area of concentration)

Counseling Concentration

COUN 517 Family Issues in Later Life	3
COUN 518 Counseling Issues with Older Adults	3
COUN 550 DSM IV: Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment Planning	2
COUN 551 Psychopharmacology with Older Adults	1

Health Science Concentration

HLTHST 410 Health and Aging	3
MHLTHSCI 555 Program Evaluation	3
MHLTHSCI 574/KINES 574 Health Promotion and Optimal Aging	3

Social Perspectives Concentration

SOC 511 The Sociology of Age Group Stratification	3
SOC 512 Social Demography	3
SOCWRK 533 Aging: Social Policy and Programs	3

Health Promotion/Exercise Science Concentration

BIOL 300 Biology of Aging	3
KINES 430 Physical Activity and Aging	3
KINES 574/MHLTHSCI 574 Health Promotion and Optimal Aging	3

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An interdisciplinary program offered by the
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