

CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY

DESCRIPTION:

Gerontology is the interdisciplinary study of aging and the aging process, including an examination of the social contexts for such change. The U.S. Census predicts the population of adults aged 65 or older will double between 2012 and 2050! There is already a growing need for understanding and serving this population. A recent emphasis of the field is on successful aging as this growing demographic challenges long-held beliefs about aging. In preparing to serve this population with this knowledgeable, caring and holistic approach, an increased need for workers trained in gerontological theory, research findings and applications will be needed.

SECTION ONE: REQUIRED COURSEWORK FIFTEEN CREDIT HOURS		
COURSE	SEMESTER	GRADE
PSYC/SOCI 3150 – Gerontology		
PSYC 3140 – Adulthood		
SOCI 4250 – Aging and Social Policy		
HLSA 3440 – Fitness Across the Lifespan		
HLSA 4463 – Case Management Concepts and Services		
SECTION TWO: ELECTIVES : TWELVE CREDIT HOURS SELECT <u>THREE</u> FROM THE FOLLOWING		
COURSE	SEMESTER	GRADE
HLSA 4420 – Long-term Care Administration		
HLSA 4425 – Ambulatory Care Services		
HLSA 4435 – Managed Care		
HLSA 4475 – Regulatory Aspects of Long Term Care		
HLSA 3315 – Holistic Health Care Services		
SOCI 3250 – Medical Sociology		
SOCW 4220 – Family Violence and Abuse		
SECTION THREE : INTERNSHIP		
COURSE	SEMESTER	GRADE
INTERNSHIP*		

* An internship will be included in the requirements of the certificate program and may be gained through professional experience, a School of Health Sciences approved internship, or PBSV 4996. If an applicant has worked in a professional setting and has acquired experience related to the coursework or prescribed academic criteria, then internship credits may be applied. Internship options should be discussed with an academic advisor upon entry to the certificate program, or no later than the student's second semester of work toward the certificate.