New Track, Minor, or Certificate Proposal Form

Instructions: All track, minor, or certificate proposals must be signed by the Chair and Dean and submitted to the Office of the Provost.

Faculty Initiating Request: Dr. Emmie Cochran-Jackson          Submission Date: February 23, 2017

Department/School: Psychology, Sociology & Criminal Justice; Health Services Administration

Proposed Addition: ☐ Track  ☐ Minor  ☐ Certificate          Effective Date: Fall 2017

Program Title: Certificate in Gerontology

Track Degree Program (if applicable):

Provide a description of the new Track, Minor, or Certificate course exactly as it will appear in the catalog.

Certificate of Gerontology:

1) Core courses - complete all five courses (15 credit hours)
   
   PSYC/SOCI 3150 – Gerontology (3 hours)
   PSYC 3140 – Adulthood (3 hours)
   SOCI 4250 – Aging and Social Policy (3 hours)
   HLSA 3440 – Fitness Across the Lifespan (3 hours)
   HLSA 4463 – Case Management Concepts and Services (3 hours)

2) Electives – Select any three courses (9 hours)
   
   HLSA 4420 – Long-term Care Administration (3 hours)
   HLSA 4425 – Ambulatory Care Services (3 hours)
   HLSA 4435 – Managed Care (3 hours)
   HLSA 4475 – Regulatory Aspects of Long Term Care (3 hours)
   HLSA 3315 – Holistic Health Care Services (3 hours)
   SOCI 3250 – Medical Sociology (3 hours)
   SOCW 4220 – Family Violence and Abuse (3 hours)

3) Internship – (3 credit hours)

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.

Faculty Member  Ph.D.  2/23/17  Assistant Provost of Academic Planning & Policy  9/14/2017

Chair  Ph.D.  2/23/17  Provost

Dean  2/23/17  Chair Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Faculty Senate
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The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities for Social and Human Service Managers will grow by 10% or more during the next 7 years, and it is reasonable to expect the state of Georgia will be fortunate to serve a disproportionate number of senior citizens, due to its Sun Belt climate and culture. Indeed, the central Georgia region is already served by many skilled nursing and senior living facilities. A bachelor’s degree is the typical entry credential for such management-level positions in the health services field and the gerontology certificate will indicate a level of specialization that should distinguish our graduates. This certificate program is being developed in a partnership between the Department of Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice in the College of Arts & Sciences and the Department of Health Services Administration in the School of Health Sciences. By leveraging existing resources, including the proposed MGA Center for Aging, this certificate can be offered during the 2017-18 academic school year with no additional resources required for startup.

Does this new track, minor, or certificate require new courses be added to the catalog?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
(Attach course proposals)

Will the new track, minor, or certificate require new faculty lines or other institutional resources?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, explain:

For new minors:
  Does the new minor adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/ C731/)?
    ☑ Yes  ☐ No  (Attach BoR minor notification form)

For new certificates:
  Does the new certificate adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_programs/changes/certificates_guidelines)?
    ☑ Yes  ☐ No  (Attach BoR certificate notification form)
CERTIFICATE NOTIFICATION FORM

Institution: Middle Georgia State University

College/Division: College of Arts & Sciences; School of Health Sciences

Department: Psychology, Sociology & Criminal Justice; Health Services Administration

Name of Certificate: Certificate in Gerontology

CIP Code: 30.1101

Certificate Acronym: CERO
(Note: CERO -- undergraduate certificates of less than 30 hours; CER1 -- undergraduate certificates greater than 30 hours; CERG -- post-bachelor's [graduate] certificates; CERM -- post-master's certificates, CERP -- post-first professional certificates).

Number of Credit Hours of Core Curriculum Courses: 0

Total Credit Hours for Certificate Completion: 27

Start Date: August 1, 2017

Approved by: ____________________________________________
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

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