

CERTIFICATE IN AGING STUDIES

Department of Health Professions

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Certificate Description

The curriculum is designed from an interdisciplinary perspective of gerontology with a focus on epidemiology and health. This program will provide students with advanced education in issues facing older adults, their families and provide an in depth knowledge of the policies which impact aging and our population. The program consists of 18 semester hours, which may be completed in two semesters of full-time coursework or part time.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for this graduate certificate must meet the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies at YSU.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
SOC 6905	Social Gerontology	3
GERO 6915	Service Delivery Aging Policy	3
GERO 6906	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
GERO 6960	Epidemiology of Aging	3
GERO 6998	Anatomy and Physiology of Aging	3
Gerontology Elective		3
Total Semester Hours		18

Notes:

Students will be required to take one elective (3 semester hours). We will schedule at least one selected topics elective class per academic year. This gives students the opportunity to plan when they want to take this course based upon their professional goals.

Proposed Sequencing of Courses for Full-Time Students:

Year 1		
Fall		S.H.
GERO 6960	Epidemiology of Aging	3
GERO 6906	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
GERO 6915	Service Delivery Aging Policy	3
Semester Hours		9
Spring		
GERO 6998	Anatomy and Physiology of Aging	3
GERO 7094	Selected Topics	3
SOC 6905	Social Gerontology	3
Semester Hours		9
Total Semester Hours		18

Learning Outcomes

1. *Foundational Competencies:*

- a. *a. An advanced understanding and application of the interdisciplinary nature of gerontology and its application to the health and wellness of our aging population.*

- b. *b. Define, compare and contrast, and apply the life span and life course perspective.*
- c. *"Interpret, synthesize and apply inter-related bio-psycho-social concepts and theories of aging to knowledge on behalf of aging persons, their families and communities (AGHE Core Competencies Direct Quote)."*
2. *Learn, examine, and apply basic epidemiologic and distinguish between normal and disease processes associated with aging.*
3. *Examine the social aspects of aging including demographic, structural and interpersonal.*
4. *Examine and apply the research methods used by gerontologists to study the interdisciplinary nature of aging.*
5. *Examine, interpret and apply the major social policies which impact our aging population. These include Social Security, Healthcare policy, Medicaid, and Medicare.*
6. *Apply the concepts of health and aging into the field of gerontology through our field practicum.*