



PROGRAMS OF **study**



GERONTOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science in Gerontology prepares students to develop careers in aging, or further trains those already employed or active in gerontology or related fields. Core courses provide an interdisciplinary background in the aging process and end-of-life issues. Program electives are designed to offer students the flexibility to focus on health, business, social services, policy or other topics related to older adults and the aging process. Graduates of this program will have the skills and knowledge needed to work in a variety of growing services related to gerontology and end-of-life care as well as a strong base of general education courses to build upon for students wishing to transfer to a bachelor's degree program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Associate in Applied Science in Gerontology will be able to:

- Describe a lifespan perspective of development and aging in social and historical contexts
- Identify and explain research methodologies used in the study of aging
- Apply psychological science and theories to understand how individuals adapt, change and respond to the aging process
- Apply biological science and theories of aging to understand normal aging and disease processes associated with aging
- Relate social theories and science of aging to understand the diversity of older populations
- Identify the skills, practices and adaptations of individuals who age optimally
- Apply ethical standards and professional practices in work with older persons
- Evaluate the use of appropriate forms of evidence-based interventions and technologies for older adults, their families and caregivers
- Use clear and effective communication with older adults, professional peers and the community

Career Opportunities

The associate degree program in Gerontology will prepare students for careers working with senior populations in direct care positions, such as personal care aids, elderly companions, and recreation planners and facilitators, wellness coaches and volunteer organizers. Career opportunities include employment in nonprofit senior centers, retirement communities, in service or entry-level administrative positions, nursing homes, assisted living communities, physical therapy clinics, home health care settings or with senior volunteer groups. The program has also been designed to allow graduates a pathway to transfer into a bachelor's degree program in gerontology, or sociology, psychology, health care, or recreational therapy, with an emphasis in gerontology.



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*The sequencing of courses in this program begins in the fall and spring semesters.
Students entering in the summer will likely take longer than two years to complete the program.*

Curriculum Requirements: 60 Credits	Credits	Grade	Semester
First Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
Math, Gen Ed Core IV	3		
HUS 101 Introduction to Human Services	3		
PSY 101 Intro to Psychology	3		
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology	3		
First Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
BIO 104 Overview of Human A & P	3		
Computer Literacy (CIS 115 Software Applications or CIS 118 Information Technology Fundamentals)			
PHI 102 Ethics and Contemp. Society	3		
SOC 212 Sociology of Aging	3		
PSY 210 Psychology Across the Lifespan	3		
Second Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		
PSY 280 Positive Psychology	3		
PSY 212 Psychology of Aging	3		
Choose 6 credits from program elective list	6		
Second Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
SOC 232 Death and Dying	3		
SOC 210 Social Problems	3		
Choose 6 credits from program elective list	6		
Open elective	3		
Program elective list: choose 12 credits			
Any BUS, ECO, GRN, HIM, HUS, MAS, PSY or SOC course			
Any Core IV course			
ALH 101 Dynamics of Health Care			
ANT 102 Cultural Anthropology			
HUM 201 Multicultural America			
POS 101 American Government			

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