

HUMAN SERVICES: GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Program code: GRTL-CC-HS

Location: Asnuntuck, Capital, Gateway, Middlesex, Naugatuck Valley

Program Description

The Human Services Gerontology certificate is designed to provide education and training for individuals seeking entry employment in various settings that cater to and focus on the gerontology population. Gerontology is the study of aging - a very complex and fascinating process which we all experience. It is complex because it encompasses the physiological, social, emotional, cognitive, and economic aspects of growing old. By completing the one-year certificate program, students may find immediate opportunity for employment in professional and paraprofessional entry-level positions at human service agencies, senior centers, residential communities, health care facilities, and other agencies that provide much needed services for the elderly. For others, this certificate will allow them to further enhance their knowledge of gerontology.

This career certificate is designed to prepare students for diverse employment opportunities and competent performance in a variety of entry-level community, care-related, and social services minded organizations. Instruction is cross-disciplinary and designed for transferability for those wishing to continue their studies to psychology, social work, health care, or other helping professions. This degree is interdisciplinary in nature and embraces the holistic approach.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Gerontology certificate program requirements, graduates will:

1. Describe physiological, psychological, and socio-economic factors relating to the aging process.
2. Identify sources of assistance to meet those needs and demonstrate the ability to comprehend the needs of an elderly person.
3. Identify the need for advocacy for the elderly and sources of assistance and demonstrate the ability to deliver services.
4. Identify and examine the factors necessary for successful aging.
5. Identify (and demonstrate) interpersonal and communication skills necessary to work in environments serving an elderly population.
6. Assess the social policies that affect the aging population and their families.
7. Examine ethical principles to guide work with and on behalf of older adults.
8. Examine and utilize gerontological frameworks to research the physical, psychological, economic, and social factors underlying the aging process.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ENG 1010	Composition	3
HSER 1001	Introduction to Human Services	3
HSER 2242	Human Services Skills and Methods	3

PSY 1011	General Psychology I	3
SOC 1001	Principles of Sociology	3
HSER 1070	Introduction to Gerontology	3
PSY 2010 or SOC 2025	Death and Dying	3
PSY 2053 or SOC 2020	Multicultural Psychology	3
	Racial and Ethnic Diversity	
Total Credits		24

- Human Services, AS
- Human Services: Behavioral Healthcare Specialist Certificate
- Human Services: Management Certificate
- Human Services: Mental Health Certificate

Related CSCU Transfer Ticket Program

- Human Services: Social Work Studies - CSCU Transfer Degree, AA