

## Social Gerontology – Certificate

More services for the aging have increased the need for educated, well-trained students. Those new to gerontology will develop skills and acquire knowledge in preparation for employment. Those already working in the field will add to their knowledge. Students must meet regular College admission requirements and requirements for the Behavioral Health/ Human Services (BHHS) curriculum. The certificate may also be taken in conjunction with the degree program in the Behavioral Health/Human Services curriculum. Graduates of the Social Gerontology certificate program will be prepared to work as social and human service assistants, community and social service specialists, personal and home care aides, and social work assistants.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this program graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic set of helping skills (warmth, empathy, reflective listening) needed for successful employment in agencies providing services for the aging.
- Work as a culturally sensitive ethical practitioner.
- Demonstrate a stronger sense of self resulting from personal growth experiences.
- Use critical thinking and writing skills needed for working with clients.

### PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The program is open to interested students. New students are required to take College placement tests. Students identified as needing developmental course work must satisfactorily complete the appropriate English courses prior to program entry. Students requiring developmental mathematics courses must complete them in addition to the requirements of their certificate program. Admission to the program also requires that the student attend an orientation session before a decision of acceptance is made. Permission of the BHHS curriculum coordinator is required for admission.

### PROGRAM OF STUDY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for the certificate in Social Gerontology, students must complete 30 credit hours as prescribed and attain a grade point average of 2.0 (“C” average).

## SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>		
BHHS 171 – Introduction to Social Gerontology		3
BHHS 101 – Introduction to Behavioral Health and Human Services		3
BHHS 111 – Introduction to Helping Skills	BHHS 101, which may be taken concurrently; acceptance into the BHHS curriculum or related certificate program	3
ENGL 101 – English Composition I		3
CIS 103 – PC Applications*		3
MATH 118 – Intermediate Algebra (or higher)		3
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
BHHS 105 – Introduction to Group Dynamics		3
BHHS 194 – Case Management Practice	BHHS 111	3
BHHS 195 – Practicum in Behavioral Health/ Human Services I	BHHS 111	3
ENGL 102 – English Composition II	ENGL 101	3
BHHS 277 – Behavioral Development and Social Processes of Aging	BHHS 171	3
<b>MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE</b>		<b>33</b>

\* Students with computer experience may apply for credit by exam through the Computer Technologies Department.

### For More Information Contact:

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