

# GERONTOLOGY, Diploma Program - 0231

CIP Code: 19.0702

## Health Careers Division

The Gerontology Diploma is designed to develop sensitivity and competence for those individuals in allied health, social services, activities professional, business, marketing and administrative fields who work with the aging population. The course content includes basic principles and issues in gerontology, allied health, social service, mental health, psychosocial and wellness as well as 20 hours of service learning volunteering. The program is offered primarily online through the Virtual Campus. Some required courses are available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Lebanon Campuses.

## Career Opportunities

The diploma program is designed to further enhance knowledge and effectiveness of personnel currently employed in senior facilities. Graduates find employment as activity professionals or social service aides, or may pursue further study in a number of related areas, such as nursing, allied health, social work, marketing, and management in institutions, agencies, long term care and assisted care facilities and home health. (SOC Code: 21-1093 Social and Human Services Assistants)

Link to Occupational profiles on O\*NET <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org/>

Application and Admission information <http://www.hacc.edu/StudentServices/Registrar/HowtoApplyandRegister/index.cfm>

## Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Understand basic demographics of aging
- Apply basic principles of gerontology to social and health issues
- Recognize differences between normal aging and disease-related aging
- Understand physical, mental, social and psychological aspects of aging
- Develop an empathetic relationship with an aging person
- Identify the need for teamwork to provide optimal care for the aging population
- Explore opportunities for further study and workforce development in gerontology fields

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 17)

General Education		Major		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	<u>3</u>	GERT 100 Gerontology Overview	1	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
	3	GERT 101 Social Services	1	SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology	3
		GERT 102 Allied Health	1	SOCI 226 Perspectives of Aging <b>or</b>	
		GERT 103 Psychosocial Issues	1	Gerontology Elective	<u>3</u>
		GERT 104 Service Learning	<u>1</u>		9
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Program Costs: \$4,973.00

<http://www.hacc.edu/FinancialAid/FinancialAidBasics/Cost-of-Attendance.cfm>

On-time Completion Rate: 0%

Job Placement Rate: 100%

Median Federal Loan Debt: \$0

Median Alternative Loan Debt: \$0