

GERONTOLOGY, Certificate Program - 3300

CIP Code: 19.0702

Health Careers Division

This certificate builds on the coursework of the Gerontology diploma and adds in-depth study of legal and ethical issues as well as of the psychological and emotional aspects of aging. This program provides basic knowledge of general concepts and practices in gerontology for a significant number of fields – social service, activity professionals, allied health professions, health care administration, marketing and business. The program is offered primarily online through the Virtual Campus. Some required courses are available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Lebanon Campuses.

Career Opportunities

This certificate is designed to expand the knowledge and opportunities for employment for those exploring or working in the aging field. Graduates may find career opportunities as activity professionals and work toward national certification. They may also work in social services, health care administration and allied health fields as well as marketing and business. Graduates may also pursue further academic study in social work, health care management, liberal arts, and business degrees.

(SOC Code: 21-1093 Social and Human Services Assistant)

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:

- Develop an understanding of the basic demographics of aging
- Apply basic principles of gerontology to social and health issues
- Recognize differences between normal aging and disease-related aging
- Develop an understanding of the 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
- Obtain an in-depth understanding of legal and ethical issues related to aging and end of life issues
- Acquire an understanding of psychological and emotional processes associated with individuals as they are

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 30)

General Education		Major		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	GERT 100 Gerontology Overview	1	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
Physical Education	<u>1</u>	GERT 101 Social Services	1	SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology	3
	4	GERT 102 Allied Health	1	SOCI 226 Perspectives of Aging	3
		GERT 103 Psychosocial Issues	1	General Elective	3
		GERT 104 Service Learning	1	Program Elective*	<u>3</u>
		GERT 200 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Aging	3		15
		GERT 201 Psycho-emotional Aspects of Aging	<u>3</u>		
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* Select courses from GERT, SOCI, PSYC

Program Costs: \$8,775.00

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

On-time Completion Rate: 50%

Job Placement Rate:

Median Federal Loan Debt: \$0

Median Alternative Loan Debt: \$0