

GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Where and when are GERT courses offered?

Currently, the 1-credit, 100-level GERT courses are offered most routinely by Virtual Campus. At present, GERT 100-103 are offered online each semester, and GERT 104 will be offered online at least yearly. GERT 200 is offered online during Fall semester and GERT 201 is offered online during Spring semester.

2. Are there prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites for the 100-level courses. GERT 200 and 201- Prerequisites: GERT 100, 101, 102 or 103 with a grade of C or higher, or permission of the instructor.

3. Can I take more than one GERT course at a time?

Yes, and many students do. GERT 100, 101, 102, and 103 each run for 8 weeks. GERT 104, which entails a volunteering component, is generally spread out over an entire semester. GERT 200 and GERT 201 are semester-long courses.

4. Is there a lot of redundancy in the 1-credit courses?

Currently, these courses use the same text book; a student who takes all courses will end up reading and utilizing the entire text. The material is related , but each course involves different material.

5. Who can benefit from taking GERT courses? What is the value of GERT programs?

While it's true that students completing either the 17-credit GERT Diploma or 30-credit GERT Certificate do not finish with a particular "certification," these programs have multiple practical applications. They are great "add-ons" or "concentrations" to other fields of study. Also, employment opportunity in fields related to aging and aging services continues to grow. Having formal coursework in the field helps students differentiate themselves in the job search.

The 1-credit GERT courses can be perfect additions to the schedules of students needing a credit for various reasons, including tuition assistance.

One GERT program – the Senior Healthcare Workplace Assistant Diploma – does involve a certification. Students eligible for this diploma either enter the program with or end up completing Nurse Aide Training, for which they receive 6 credits.

6. How can I contact the GERT program coordinators?

We check e-mail (gert@hacc.edu) daily, even throughout the summer.

7. Tell me a little bit about the GERT faculty.

Our regularly-teaching faculty possesses a wealth and diversity of experience! At present, teaching for the program are long-time social workers, nursing professionals, community organization leaders, and long-term care professionals. All are experienced instructors, as well.

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