

HACC's GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Where and when are GERT courses offered?

Currently, HACC's Virtual Campus runs all GERT courses online. 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 the fall semester, and GERT 201 is offered online during the spring semester. New GERT courses are being added each semester. GERT 211, Women and Aging, will be offered during the fall semesters, and GERT 232, Death and Dying, will be offered during the spring semesters. GERT 215, Aging Around the World, will be offered at least yearly.

2. Are there prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites for the 100-level courses. GERT 211, 215 and 232 have no prerequisites.

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 per semester. GERT 104, which entails a volunteering component, is generally spread out over an entire semester. GERT 200, 201, 211, 215 and 232 are semester-long courses.

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

Currently, these courses use the same textbook; 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.

6. How can I contact the GERT program coordinators?

We check e-mail (gert@hacc.edu) daily and year round.

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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