

# Gerontology Certificate

## Degree Type

Certificate

The certificate program in Gerontology incorporates a multidisciplinary approach to the study of aging, including policies developed and services offered to meet the needs of the elderly in our society. The curriculum blends liberal studies and professional orientations.

The purpose of the program is to provide the formal study of aging and older adults. The goals of the program are as follows:

- Increase students' knowledge of the aging process,
- Enhance students' understanding of aging as a developmentally appropriate and expected part of the universal human experience,
- Broaden students' awareness of and attitudes toward older adults,
- Offer students the basic knowledge and skills that underlie providing services to and enhancing opportunities for older adults,
- Provide opportunities for students to interrelate knowledge, experience, and professional application regarding services for older adults.

The Gerontology Certificate program encourages students to develop a broad view of aging for professional applications. Upon completion of the program, students will have an excellent foundation for providing services for older adults, working in the fields of policy planning or administration of services for older adults, and working in various health care professions with older adults.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Gerontology Certificate program must meet Sage Graduate School admission requirements.

## Program Requirements

The Gerontology Certificate program provides a formal course of the study of aging and older adults. The program is a sequence of four core courses (3 credits each) and a final project (3 credits) for a total of 15 credits. Courses may be used as electives in existing graduate degree programs at Sage, according to the requirements of the particular program. Courses may be used in existing graduate degree programs at Sage, such as Psychology, Nursing, and Community Health Education according to the requirements of the program.

## Gerontology Certificate Program Summary

### Core Requirements

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
GNT 504	Health Policy for Aging	
GNT 510	Mind-Body Aging	
GNT 522	Palliative Care & Chronic Illness	

# Final Project

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
GNT 587	Internship	
GNT 590	Culminating Project	
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12</b>