



Thanatology Certificate

Program: Social Science

Program Code:

THA

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

CIP Code:

30.5301

Program Goals Statement

This certificate focuses on the scientific study of death and the practices associated with it, including the study of the needs of the terminally ill and their families. This certificate will allow you to gain expertise in the field of Thanatology while providing hands-on experience in the community to enhance classroom learning.

Program Information

This certificate program prepares students to meet the ever-increasing needs for support to individuals, families, and community during times of loss and crisis. Offered with face to face, hybrid, and fully online classes, students in a wide variety of majors at Bristol (Criminal Justice, Education, Human Services, Social Sciences, Health Sciences) who want to incorporate required courses will gain knowledge and incorporate those skills in many areas in their majors with courses of interest.

After Bristol

Students are prepared to seek employment in various care giving and service professions as education, nursing, criminal justice, human services, pastoral ministry, and funeral service, senior agencies, retirement communities, health care facilities, home- and adult-care programs, hospice organizations, and the myriad entrepreneur possibilities that respond to senior needs and interests.

Program Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
PSY 262	Introduction to Thanatology	3
PSY 264	Psychology of Grief	3
PSY 266	Introduction to Grief Counseling	3
SOC 257	Social Issues in Loss	3
BIO 111	General Biology I	4
	Health/Human Services Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

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ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
PSY 262	Introduction to Thanatology	3
PSY 264	Psychology of Grief	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 266	Introduction to Grief Counseling	3
SOC 257	Social Issues in Loss	3
BIO 111	General Biology I	4
	Health/Human Services Elective	3
Total credits:		25

Category Descriptions

Health/Human Services Elective

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 267	Introduction to Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3
PSY 281	The Effects of Drugs on the Body & Mind	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
PSY 255	Abnormal Psychology	3