



Gerontology Certificate

Program Code:

GY

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

Program Statement

The Gerontology certificate program prepares students to understand and effectively respond to myriad issues, challenges, choices, and problems encountered in the aging process.

Program Information

Students, especially those pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice, Education, Human Services, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences, are invited to consider a certificate in Gerontology as a special expertise in the degree program. A Certificate in Gerontology prepares learners in the areas of mental, physical, and social needs of the aging population. Students pursuing a degree in General Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Nursing, Medical Assisting, or a Human Service field are invited to consider Gerontology as a special expertise in their degree program.

Students should take PSY 267 as a foundation for other Gerontology courses.

Students are encouraged to complete PSY 101, ENG 101 and PSY 267 before registering for other classes in the certificate.

After Bristol

Students are prepared to seek employment in various senior agencies, retirement communities, health care facilities, home- and adult-care programs, hospice organizations, concerned with physical, mental, and social aspects and implications of aging 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 267	Introduction to Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3
PSY 269	Geropsychology	3
SOC 262	Social Issues in Aging	3
SOC 263	Senior Life - Choices and Challenges	3
	Health/Human Services Elective	3



Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 267	Introduction to Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3
	Health/Human Services Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 262	Introduction to Thanatology	3
SOC 263	Senior Life - Choices and Challenges	3
PSY 269	Geropsychology	3
SOC 262	Social Issues in Aging	3
	Total credits:	24

Category Descriptions

Health/Human Services Elective

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 281	The Effects of Drugs on the Body & Mind	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
PSY 255	Abnormal Psychology	3
BIO 117	Physiology of Wellness	3