



Gerontology Certificate

Program: Social Science

Program Code:

GY

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

Campus:

Fall River

CIP Code:

30.1101

Program Goals 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 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 |
| | Thanatology Elective | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| PSY 101 | General Psychology | 3 |
| ENG 101 | Composition I: College Writing | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| PSY 267 | Introduction to Gerontology: The Study of Aging | 3 |
| PSY 269 | Geropsychology | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| SOC 262 | Social Issues in Aging | 3 |
| SOC 263 | Senior Life - Choices and Challenges | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| | Thanatology Elective | 3 |
| | Health/Human Services Elective | 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 |
| HLT 115 | Personal and Community Health | 3 |

Thanatology Elective

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| PSY 262 | Introduction to Thanatology | 3 |
| PSY 264 | Psychology of Grief | 3 |
| PSY 266 | Introduction to Grief Counseling | 3 |