



Gerontology

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 General Studies, are invited to consider a two-for-one program, using their electives wisely to include Gerontology as a special expertise in the degree program. Students are invited, but are not required, to take PSY 267 as a foundation for other Gerontology courses. In the event that core courses fit better with a student's schedule, they have permission to register for those courses.

After Bristol

- Students are prepared to seek employment in various 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.

Subject: Social Science

Type: Certificate

Campus

Campus:

Fall River

Program Requirements – Program Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	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



Program Elective - Choose one from the following

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 111	General Biology I	4
BIO 117	Physiology of Wellness	3
BIO 121	Fundamentals of Biological Science I	4
BIO 220	Introduction to Nutrition	3
BIO 233	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 234	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
FIR 170	Emergency Care I	4
FIR 171	Emergency Care II	4
HLT 115	Personal and Community Health	3
SER 101	Introduction to Social Welfare	3

Program Elective - Choose one from the following

Item #	Title	Credits
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

Choose one of the following

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 267	Introduction to Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Item #	Title	Credits
	PSY 101 or SOC 101	
PSY 267	Introduction to Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3



Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Item #	Title	Credits
	Health/Human Service Elective - Gerontology	3-4

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

Item #	Title	Credits
	Thanatology Elective	3
	Total credits:	24