

# Gerontology Certificate

A 32-credit Certificate Program



## Required Gerontology Courses

The following courses are required.		Credit
Offered only during Fall semester		Hours
GO/SO 261	Growing Old in a New Age	3
GO/SO 262	Aging in America: Aging Programs, Services, Systems, & Policies	3
GO 282	Gerontology Practicum 1	4
Offered only during Winter semester		
GO 203	Physical/Mental Health and Aging	3
GO/SO 263	Death and Dying	3
GO 283	Gerontology Practicum 2	4

## Required English Course: (One required)

BA 101	Business and Technical English 1	3
BA 102	Business and Technical English 2	3
EN 100	College Writing	4
EN 101	English Composition 1	3
EN 102	English Composition 2*	3

## Elective Courses:

Nine credit hours from the courses listed below are required.

GH 120	Therapeutic Relationships	3
SO 205	Social Work	3
SO 254	Social Problems	3
SO 260	Race & Ethnicity	3
SW 102	Introduction to Social Welfare	4
PY 201	General Psychology	3
PY 232	Developmental Psychology*	3
CD 120	Adult Development	3
COM 135	Interpersonal Communication	3
WE 156	First Aid	1

(\*Prerequisite. required)

## For More Information

For specific questions about the Gerontology Certificate program, call Mike Faber at (616) 234-3483.

To receive a GRCC catalog or for more information about course descriptions, financial aid or admissions, call the Enrollment Center at (616) 234-4000 or visit GRCC's web site [www.grcc.edu](http://www.grcc.edu).



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## Career Opportunities

With the older population expanding twice as fast as the general population, there is a growing need for knowledgeable, experienced, and compassionate individuals to provide assistance and support to older adults and their families.

The demand for qualified individuals in the field of gerontology is expected to increase much faster than average because of the growth of the aging population and programs designated to provide services to older persons.

## What Is Gerontology?

Gerontology is the study of aging, including the process of aging and the biological, behavioral, and social aspects of later life. This field includes content from a variety of different disciplines. GRCC's program focuses on a basic understanding of the processes, programs, and policies that involve an aging America.

## Program Options

With GRCC's Gerontology Certificate program, you can:

- Earn a certificate only.
- Earn a certificate along with another degree. (such as Nursing or Occupational Therapy Assistant)
- Earn a certificate as a credential to complement your current degrees or professional certifications.

## Advantages of GRCC's Gerontology Certificate Program

GRCC is a member of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE). The Certificate program meets AGHE standards. A Gerontology Certificate could enhance your employability and improve your job performance in many fields.

You can complete this certificate program in one year or part-time at your own pace.



## Program Requirements

The Gerontology Certificate program is a 32-credit certificate program that includes core courses with specific gerontology classes and seminars related to issues and concerns of aging. It also includes electives, occupational support courses, and supervised practicum. You can work with the program director to develop practicum that fit your schedule.

If you wish to complete the program in one year, see the catalog for a suggested sequence of courses.

If you wish to complete the program on a part-time basis, courses may be taken in any sequence. A good introductory course for your first fall semester is "Growing Old in a New Age." A good introductory course for your first winter semester is "Death and Dying."