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The 21-credit hour Gerontology Senior Advocate Certificate is designed to meet the educational needs of a variety of student groups: those already working with older adults, those contemplating a career change, and those working in other fields who wish to increase their knowledge of aging processes to help advocate for this growing segment of the national and internal population. To address these needs, students complete a set of required courses providing a solid background in the concepts of gerontology. To this aim, the two-year Gerontology Senior Advocate Certificate is for those professionals and/or life-long learners interested in short-term training in the field before potentially pursuing more extensive education in gerontology (e.g., M.A. in Gerontology).

Core or Required Courses (15 credit hours):

There are two elective "tracks" for certificate students.

"Track" #1: Individualized/Community Outreach (2 Courses - 6 credit hours)

"Track" #2: Public Policy/Administration (2 Courses - 6 credit hours)

Course Transfer Policy

Students may transfer the full credit hours of the certificate as per university course transfer policy into the M.A. in Gerontology program.

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Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
PSYC-401	Gerontology: An Overview	3
PSYC-403	Developmental Processes In Aging:Physiological Aspects	3
PSYC-415	Practicum In Gerontology	3
(if PSYC 415 is waived, an approved graduate-level elective course can be substituted)		
PSYC-418	Public Policy And Aging	3
PSYC-426	Values, Decision Making And The Elderly	3
Electives - Select one "Track"		6
Track 1 - Individualized/Community Outreach (Choose Two Courses)		
PSYC-406	Aging And The Family	
PSYC-412	Psychopathology And Aging	
PSYC-414	Psychotherapy Of The Elderly	
PSYC-434	Aging Services Network	
Track 2 - Public Policy/Administration (Choose Two Course)		
PSYC-428	Aging And Cultural Diversity In The U.S.	
PSYC-432	Meanings Of Old Age	
PSYC 455 Topics In Gerontology		

Total Hours

21