SOCIAL WORK, GERONTOLOGY, CERTIFICATE

(Code 460-601)

The Social Work Program offers three certificates, the **Social Work—Child Welfare Certificate,** the **Social Work—Gerontology Certificate** and the **Social Work - Mental Health and Well-Being Certificate**.

Gerontology Certificate

A certificate in gerontology is a great addition to a major. In an aging society, social workers with a focus in gerontology are highly desirable within the industry. If students are interested in the improved care and quality of life for older adults, this is an excellent choice. Students will examine the psychological, social, and health aspects associated with aging. Students will also enhance their understanding of how to effectively work with older adults in various settings such as hospitals, senior centers, or long-term care facilities.

Requirements:

This certificate requires 12 credits of course work. This certificate is open only to majors within the College of Education and Human Sciences. The student must complete, at a grade level of C or above, the required Social Work course within the certificate program and nine additional credits from the list of electives for the certificate program (see the following).

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course		
SW 315	Aging and the Aged	3
Electives (Choose nine credits)		**9**
BIOL 196	Human Nutrition	
CSD 410	Communication Changes and Disorders of the Older Adult	
ECON 280	Health Economics	
HCAD 201	Overview of the U.S. Health Care System	
HCAD 222	Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Aging	
NRSG 211	Wellness: Food for Fitness	
NRSG 212	Navigating Health Care	
NRSG 213	Body, Mind, Spirit Wellness	
PHIL 306	Ethics of Health Care	
PSYC 230	Human Development	
PSYC 333	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	
RELS 315	Psychology of Religion	
SOC 316	Sociology of Family	
SOC 364	Social Gerontology	
SW/NRSG 360	Death and Bereavement	

Other courses as approved by the student's advisor and department chair.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Examine the psychological, social, and health aspects associated with aging.
- Enhance their understanding of how to effectively work with older adults in various settings such as hospitals, senior centers, or long-term care facilities.
- Improve the care and quality of life for older adults.