



# CERTIFICATE

*Certificate of Graduate Study*

The interdisciplinary gerontology certificate fosters educational, research, and service activities pertinent to aging. It is open to any NIU graduate student or graduate student-at-large in good academic standing in the university. A minimum GPA of 3.00 in all certificate courses, and completion of all certificate course work within six calendar years are required. A student wishing to pursue this certificate must apply to the gerontology program.

Please contact Dr. Stolte or the Gerontology department in Wirtz Hall Rm. 227, 815-753-0031 for more information

# GRADUATE STUDY IN GERONTOLOGY

*Certificate of Graduate Study in Gerontology: (18)*

## Core Requirements (9)

- IDSP 565 Issues in Gerontology (3)
- IHHS 567 Fieldwork in Gerontology (3)
- UHHS 560 Intro. to Research in HHS (3)  
Or other appropriate research course.

## Additional Requirements (9)

Graduate courses focused on aging chosen with the approval of gerontology director.

- ANTH 565 Medical Anthropology (3)
- CAHA 501 Adult Learning: Maturity - Old Age (3)
- CAHA 590 Workshop in Adult & Higher Edu. (v)
- CAHC 767 Counseling older persons (3)
- COMD 674 Cognitive-linguistic Disorders of Neurologically impaired adults (3)
- EPS 510 Adult Educational Psychology (3)
- EPS 710 Seminar in Lifespan Human Dev. (3)
- FCNS 586 Aging & the family (3)
- FCNS 612 Geriatric Nutrition (3)
- IHHS 501 Ind. Study in HHS (3)
- IHHS 566 Seminar in Gerontology (3)

- IHHS 567 Fieldwork in Gerontology (3)
- KNPE 554 Exercise Gerontology (3)
- KNPE 555 Clinical Exp. In Exercise Gerontology (3)
- NURS 695 Advanced Internship in Comm. Health Nursing (6)
- PHHE 510 Death Education (3)
- PHHE 533 Principles of Long Term Care Administration (3)
- PSPA 626 Social Policy (3)
- PSYC 525 Adult Dev. & Aging (3)
- PSYC 565 Adv. Dev. Psychology (3)
- SOCI 551 Medical Sociology (3)
- SOCI 560 Social Structure & the Life Course (3)
- SOCI 582 Sociology of Death & Dying (3)

*For complete course descriptions and prerequisites see current NIU Graduate Catalog.*

# CAREERS

Careers in Gerontology

## Education

Instructor in senior center  
Instructor of gerontology or geriatric medicine

## Employment/Retirement

Industrial gerontologist  
Specialist in pre-retirement planning

## Finance

Administrator/case worker/intake worker for  
Social Security, Medicare etc.

## Housing

Manager of public/private residential community

## Legal Aid/Protective Service

Benefits/rights specialist in public agencies  
Case manager/guardian  
Lawyer/paralegal in private

## Medical Service

Home health aide  
Nursing home administrator  
Nursing home ombudsperson  
Physical therapist  
Social worker/counselor in nursing home  
Speech-hearing pathologist

## Mental Health

Coordinator/specialist for day care program  
Psychiatric social worker  
Psychiatrist  
Psychologist

## Nutrition

Dietitian  
Instructor of nutrition

## Product/Service Consumption

Financial planning consultant  
Travel agent/tour guide

## Recreation/Social Activities

Activities specialist  
Senior center director

Please note this is only a partial list of careers. For additional possible careers and information on the field of gerontology check: [www.aghe.org](http://www.aghe.org)

Career list prepared by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

# FACULTY

Gerontology Faculty Associates

Faculty members from departments across the NIU campus are affiliated with the gerontology program. Strongly represented among these departments are those concerned with the link between health and aging. Gerontology faculty associates are active teacher-scholars. They publish basic and applied research on health and aging in rigorous peer-reviewed journals and books. Among the departments at NIU with strong interests in health and aging are:

- Allied Health & Communicative Disorders
- Anthropology
- Biological Sciences
- Counseling, Adult and Health Education
- Educational Psychology and Foundations
- Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences
- Kinesiology and Physical Education
- Nursing & Health Sciences
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

# GERONTOLOGY

## Graduate Study

# PROGRAM

*The Gerontology Program at NIU is designed to play an important part in meeting the health-related needs and challenges of the fastest growing segment of the American population: older adults.*

[www.chhs.niu.edu/gero](http://www.chhs.niu.edu/gero)

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