



CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Undergraduate Study

The interdisciplinary gerontology undergraduate certificate fosters educational, research, and service activities pertinent to aging. It is open to all NIU undergraduates. Students must maintain a good academic standing in the university, achieve a minimum grade of C in each certificate course, achieve an overall GPA of 2.50 in certificate courses, and complete all certificate course work within six calendar years. 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.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN GERONTOLOGY

Certificate in Undergraduate Study in Gerontology: (15)

Core Requirements (6)

- IDSP 465 Issues in Gerontology (3)
and
- IHHS 466 Seminar in Gerontology (3)
or
UHHS 467 Fieldwork in Gerontology (3)

Additional Requirements (9)

One course selected from each of the following sets:

Set One

- SOCI 451 Medical Sociology (3)
- SOCI 460 Social Structure & the Life Course (3)
- SOCI 482 Sociology of Death & Dying (3)

Set Two

- FCNS 280 Human Dev., the Family & Society (3)
- PSYC 225 Lifespan Dev.: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
- PSYC 425 Adult Development & Aging (3)
- PSYC 465 Advanced Dev. Psychology (3)

Set Three

- BIOS 109 Human Biology (3)
- FCNS 310 Applied Nutrition (3)
- NURS 430 Clinical Dev. VIII (3)
- NURS 460 Clinical Dev. Leadership (3)

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

CAREERS

Careers in Gerontology

FACULTY

Gerontology Faculty Associates

GERONTOLOGY

Undergraduate Study

PROGRAM

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 or public legal
services agency

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

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

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 and Health Sciences
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology



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.

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