

GERONTOLOGY, CERTIFICATE

This certificate program is a special course of study in gerontology that complements graduate degree programs in various departments and colleges throughout the University. This Gerontology Certificate is a combined graduate certificate program with Kent State University. Combined, the two universities offer a diverse range of graduate courses with aging-related content and joint faculty that are nationally and internationally recognized scholars in gerontology. The graduate certificate is to be received with either a master's or doctoral degree. Individuals who already hold a graduate degree may also pursue the certificate. The program represents a concentration involving current knowledge and research in gerontology. It adds another dimension to the knowledge and skills a student is able to offer in the many professions that are becoming specialized in research and service to adults and older adults. This course of study coordinates multidisciplinary training of personnel in adult development and aging and helps to meet the critical shortage of trained individuals in the field of gerontology.

The graduate curriculum committee of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology will oversee this certificate program and certify, through the Director of the Institute, that all requirements of the certificate have been completed.

B.S./M.D. students may complete Practicum/Internship and electives from courses available from the Institute or the Office of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED).

Admission

To participate in the program at the graduate level, a student must:

- Obtain admittance to the Graduate School.
- Submit an application to the program countersigned by the student's major academic advisor.
- Participate in an interview with the Director or designated faculty member of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology.
- Consult with the director or a designated faculty member to formulate a program of study.
- Receive written notification for admission from the director of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology.

Program

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Core | | 6 |
| ILSD 680 | Interdisciplinary Seminar in Life-Span Development & Gerontology | 3 |
| ILSD 695 | Practicum in Life-Span Development & Gerontology | 3 |
| Electives | | 9 |
| Select a minimum of three courses: ¹ | | |
| ILSD 690 | Workshop: Life-Span Development & Gerontology | 1 |
| PSYC 727 | Psychology of Adulthood & Aging ^{with permission; at Cleveland State; counts as Psychosocial requirement} | 4 |
| CHFD 541 | Family Relationships in Middle and Later Years ^{counts as psychosocial requirement} | 3 |
| LAWX 682 | Elder Law | 3 |
| SLPA 714 | Gerontological Issues in Audiology ^{with permission} | 3 |

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| SOWK 680 | Aging & Social Work Practice ^{with permission; counts as psychosocial requirement} | 3 |
| SOWK 681 | Aging: Policies & Programs ^{with permission} | 3 |
| PSYC 780 | Graduate Seminar in Psychology ^{with permission} | 4 |
| PSYC 728 | Social and Emotional Development Across the Lifespan ^{with permission; counts as psychosocial requirement} | 4 |
| PSYC 630 | Core III: Individual Differences ^{with permission} | 2 |
| PSYC 729 | Brain and Behavior in Adulthood ^{with permission; counts as biological aging requirement} | 4 |
| PSYC 730 | Health Psychology in Later Life ^{with permission; offered at Cleveland State} | 4 |
| PSYC 732 | Cognitive Aging ^{with permission; offered at Cleveland State} | 4 |
| PSYC 733 | Mental Health and Aging ^{with permission; offered at Cleveland State} | 4 |
| PSYC 734 | Diversity Across the Lifespan ^{with permission} | 4 |
| CHFD 602 | Family in Lifespan Perspective ^{counts as psychosocial requirement} | 3 |
| COUN 647 | Career Development & Counseling Across the Life-Span | 3 |
| COUN 648 | Individual & Family Development Across the Life-Span | 3 |
| HRM 652 | Managing People in Organizations | 3 |
| SLPA 631 | Cognitive Communicative Issues in Special Language ^{with permission} | 3 |
| SLPA 632 | Dysphagia ^{with permission} | 3 |
| LAWX 646 | Health Law | 3 |

¹ Students are required to take 3 credits in Biology of Aging, Physiology of Aging, or Equivalent. Students are required to take 3 credits in Psychosocial Gerontology or Equivalent (e.g., Adult Development & Aging, Psychology of Aging, Sociology of Aging and the Life Course).

² Students can also take courses offered at Kent State University. Check with the Director of the Institute for available course offerings.