

HUMAN SERVICES

GERONTOLOGY OPTION

As the population of the United States and other countries age, there will be an increased need for professionals to provide a wide variety of services for elderly individuals. The curriculum for the Gerontology Option is designed to provide students with a broad human service foundation in areas such as psychology, sociology, case management and ethics and values. In addition, the geriatrics option will provide students with an understanding of gerontological issues and concerns that impact on the physical, social, psychological and economic well being of aging individuals and their families. This course is designed to prepare students for entry level direct care positions in a wide array of human service organizations that serve an elderly population. Those students who complete an Associate degree will also be prepared to transfer into a four-year degree program.

Associate Degree

*Placement evaluations will determine the sequencing of courses. Additional courses may be required.
The suggested sequencing for full-time students is shown below.*

Course No.	Title	Credits	Course No.	Title	Credits
<i>First semester</i>			<i>Third semester</i>		
ENG 101	English Composition	3	SOC 130	Sociology of Aging	3
HSR 101	Introduction to Human Services	3	SOC 201	Multicultural Issues	3
COM 101	Public Speaking	3	PHIL 105	Ethics & Values in Human Services	3
CAP	Computer Literacy Elective	3	HSR 220	Issues in Gerontology	3
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology	<u>3</u>		Elective	<u>3</u>
		15			15
<i>Second semester</i>			<i>Fourth semester</i>		
PSY 212	Lifespan Development	3	HSR 210	Topics & Research in Human Services	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3		Elective	3
ENG 102	Composition & Literature OR			Elective	3
ENG 222	Writing for the Human Service			Physical or Natural Science Elective	3
	Professional	3	HSR 299	Human Service Internship	<u>4</u>
HSR 141	Physiology of Aging	3			16
MATH	Math 101 or higher	<u>3</u>			
		15	Total Credits in Program		61