

GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/gerontology.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

Everyone at every point in life needs either care or support. Caring for one another, to many, is what makes us human. Professional care for the elderly is a growing profession that demands qualified individuals with the knowledge and passion to support the needs of older adults. The (15 credit) gerontology certificate shows potential employers that you have the educational experience necessary to relate to the needs of our aging population and that you are motivated and prepared to work in this field. A program that includes internships and in-field experience will introduce students to professional career opportunities as counselors, case or care managers, senior living advisors, or health specialists for long term care,

Requirements for Gerontology Certificate

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course		
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCA 326	Social Gerontology	3
Elective Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
BIOS 109	Biology of Aging	
PSYC 241	Psychology of Aging	
SOCA 319	Death and Dying	
Practicum		
SOCA 492	Internship in Sociology ¹	3
Total Credits		15

¹ Students who already have experience in the field of gerontology or working with the aging population may receive credit for an internship through written agreement with a faculty member of this program. All SOCA 492 internships have to be geared towards the area of the certificate. Students who already have experience in any field may receive credit for the practicum category of the certificates but after submitting the necessary documentation and approval by the department.

University Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates

Course work in a certificate must be completed with a minimum 2.00 GPA. Departments or programs may require a higher GPA.

A minimum of 9 credits in a certificate program must be taken at UW-Parkside. Individual departments and programs may require more than 9 credits to be taken at UW-Parkside.