

# GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

This certificate is available as a standalone program (<https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/standalone-certificates/>).

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The Gerontology Certificate offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of aging. Because aging involves physiological, sociological, and psychological processes, gerontology education and research is relevant to many disciplines. Career opportunities in gerontology are extremely diverse and include positions in community services, health sciences, nutrition and dietetics, housing, health and physical education, pharmacy, counseling, health care administration, business, public policy, and many other areas.

Recognizing the diversity of relevant disciplines and career opportunities, the Gerontology Certificate offers course work in gerontology through 7 schools/departments. The program is administered through the School of Social and Behavioral Health Sciences.

To be considered a gerontology course, the course content must address gerontology-related issues. Further, students are required to do any class projects, including term papers, on aging topics.

In addition to gerontology courses, seminars, field study (310/410), research (401), and projects (406) in gerontology can be offered through the Gerontology Program. Field study, research, and projects in gerontology may also be available through other schools/departments. Students register for field study, research, or projects credit in the school or department that best meets their needs for supervision given the nature of the experience.

For additional information about the program, visit the Gerontology website (<https://health.oregonstate.edu/gerontology/>).

## Major Code: C437

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
HDFS 314	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	4
<b>Field Study or Field Projects</b>		
Any department <sup>++</sup>		3-6
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 18-23 credits from at least two subject codes of the following: <sup>1</sup>		18-23
H 210	*INTRODUCTION TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	
H 225	*SOCIAL AND INDIVIDUAL HEALTH DETERMINANTS	
H 250	INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	
H 320	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DISEASE	
H 422	HEALTH, AGING AND CONTROL OF CHRONIC DISEASES	
H 432	ECONOMIC ISSUES IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE	
H 436	ADVANCED TOPICS IN HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	
H 458	REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISMS	

H 465	*PUBLIC HEALTH AND WOMEN: SOCIAL AND POLICY ISSUES
H 468	FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION OF LONG-TERM CARE
H 476	*PLANNING AND EVALUATING HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS
HDFS 461	*PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROPOSAL WRITING
HDFS 462	PROFESSIONAL HELPING SKILLS
HDFS 465	TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES
KIN 434	APPLIED MUSCLE PHYSIOLOGY
KIN 437	PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AGING, AND CHRONIC DISEASE
NUTR 312	*ISSUES IN NUTRITION AND HEALTH
NUTR 325	NUTRITION THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE
NUTR 423	COMMUNITY NUTRITION
PHL 444	*BIOMEDICAL ETHICS
PSY 350	HUMAN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT
SOC 355	DEATH AND DYING
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>27</b>

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Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

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Writing Intensive Course (WIC)  
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Courses must be taken from a minimum of two different subject codes (H, HDFS, KIN, NUTR, PHL, PSY or SOC)

## Field study or field projects in Gerontology – Any Department <sup>++</sup>

In addition to gerontology courses, seminars, field study (310/410), research (401), and projects (406) in gerontology are offered through the Gerontology Program.

- 3-6 credits of an approved field experience or an approved research field project are required. No more than 6 credits of field study will count toward certificate completion.
- Field Experience or Internships involve professional level work experience in an agency or organization that serves older adults. To be considered a gerontology field placement, at least half of the student's time must be spent working with or for older individuals.
- 9 credits of gerontology course work must be completed prior to beginning field study. Exceptions may be approved by the Gerontology Program Director.
- Specific requirements for field study are cooperatively developed by the faculty supervisor, student, and a community agency. The type of field study selected should reflect the student's career interests, as well as the student's competencies and the community agency's needs.
- Field study in gerontology must be approved by the Program on Gerontology if it is to be used to meet Certificate requirements. Approval forms are available from the Program on Gerontology.

## Additional Requirements

1. A grade of 'C' or better in all gerontology courses. Overall GPA of 2.5.
2. Formal application to the program; forms available from the program office in 437 Waldo Hall.
3. Certificate requirements fulfilled within five years following graduation. Students who have not completed certificate

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requirements upon receipt of the degree may continue as special, postbaccalaureate, or graduate students.

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