



Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

A&S: Cooperative Education (3000)**Certificate: Gerontology (30006C)**

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This certificate program is a special course of study in gerontology that complements undergraduate degree programs in various departments and colleges throughout the University. Individuals who already hold an undergraduate degree may also pursue this 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 multi-disciplinary training of personnel in adult development and aging and helps to meet the critical shortage of trained individuals in the field of gerontology.

The undergraduate 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 for the certificate have been completed.

B.S./M.D. students may complete the Practicum/Internship and electives from courses available from the institute or the Office of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, at NEOMED.

		Credits
Core:		
3006:450	Inter Sem Life-Span Dev & Gero	2
3006:495	Pract: Life-Sp Dev & Gerontol	1
3750:475	Psychology of Adulthood & Agng	4
3850:343	Sociology of Aging	3
Electives (must be outside of student's major degree department):		
3006:486	Retirement Specialist	2
3006:490	W: Life-Span Dev & Gerontology	1
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3006:485	ST: Life-Span Dev & Gerontol	1
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2040:244	Death & Dying	2
2040:344	Death & Dying	2
3850:365	ST: Sociology	1
5400:400	Adult Learning	3
6500:480	Intro: Health-Care Management	3
7400:441	Fam Relationship Mid & Later Yrs	3
7700:110	Intro to Disorders of Communic	3

Students may also use Independent Study to fulfill elective requirement. In special cases, more than one course in a major department may be used with permission.

Distribution Requirements

This curriculum guide is a recommended plan of study. Students with questions about requirements should contact an academic advisor.

To participate in the program, a student must:

Obtain admittance to The University of Akron as an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate student.

Submit an application to the program countersigned by the student's major academic adviser.

Participate in an interview, receive written notification of admission, and consult with the Director or a designated faculty member of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology to formulate a program of study.

3006:485 Special Topics courses are typically offered for 3 credits and include: Case Management/Patient Services, Health and Nutrition, Long Term Care Case Management and Patient Services, Long Term Care Health and Nutrition, Long Term Care Administrator-in-Training Experience.

3006:490 Special Topics workshops are typically offered for 2 credits and include: Women: Middle and La and Aging: Process.

3006:495 Pract: Life-Sp Dev & Gerontol and 3850:365 ST: Sociology are typically offered for 3 credits.

The following credit hour requirement applies to this certificate: 20 credits.

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