



CENTER FOR APPLIED GERONTOLOGY

Practitioner Certificate in Gerontology Fact Sheet

Description:	The Practitioner Certificate in Gerontology Program is designed to promote understanding of the process of aging and of working with older adults while developing and refining professional skills. After completing this program, professionals benefit from enhanced professional recognition and development may have improved job opportunities and may attain higher salaries.
Certificate Program Participants:	Nursing (nursing assistants, LPN's, RN's), Nursing Home Administrators, Social Workers, Activity Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Personal Care Attendants, and those with an interest in learning about and working with older adults. A high school diploma or GED is required for admission to the program.
Contact Hours:	Most scheduled classes are pre-approved for continuing education credit by BENHA, Ohio Social Worker Board, and Occupational Therapy Board. Ohio Board of Nursing accepts these approvals for nursing CEUs.
Program Requirements:	<p>The program requires 66 contact hours and is completed according to the individual's own schedule. All class time must be completed within a period of 3 years from date of acceptance into the program. All required courses are offered one time per year.</p> <p>Required Courses (36 contact hours) – all of the following are required to provide fundamental knowledge of Gerontology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Aging Experience (6 contact hours)• The Aging Process & Physical Health (6 contact hours)• The Aging Network and Service Delivery (6 contact hours)• Aging and Mental Health (6 contact hours)• Cultural Competency and Delivery of Geriatric Services (6 contact hours)• Practical Assessment of Older Adults (6 contact hours) <p>Elective Courses (30 contact hours) – choose from the following or refer to the current brochure to meet the 30 contact hour elective requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grantsmanship 101 (6 contact hours)• Counseling the Resident in the Long Term Care Setting (3 contact hours)• Communicating with Older Adults with Hearing and Vision Loss (4 contact hours)• Managing Agitation in Elders with Dementia (3 contact hours)• Nutrition and Older Adults (3 contact hours)• Delirium in the Geriatric Patient (3 contact hours)• Understanding Social Security (3 contact hours)• Mind-Body-Spirit Emotion Connection (6 contact hours)• Developing a Specialty Marketing Niche (2 contact hours)• Helping Older Adults Manage Pain Through Energy and Work (4 contact hours)• Easier Said Than Done (3 contact hours)• Activities for Dementia: Time Well Spent (5 contact hours)• Aging and the Person with Intellectual Disabilities (6 contact hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note: Students may receive a maximum of 6 hours of Elective Course credit for other Continuing Education experiences that have been approved by a state or national board. Submit a written request and copy of certificates to the Program Coordinator. Only Gerontology courses taken within one year of beginning or during the Practitioner Certificate program will be accepted.
Contact Information:	For information regarding application to the Practitioner Certificate in Gerontology Program, schedule of classes, fees, or to obtain a copy of the catalog scheduling, please call: 216-987-2274.