



Online Option for Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

The School of Aging Studies at the University of South Florida, one of the oldest and most respected Gerontology programs in the U.S., now offers its Graduate Certificate in Gerontology online, in addition to on-campus.

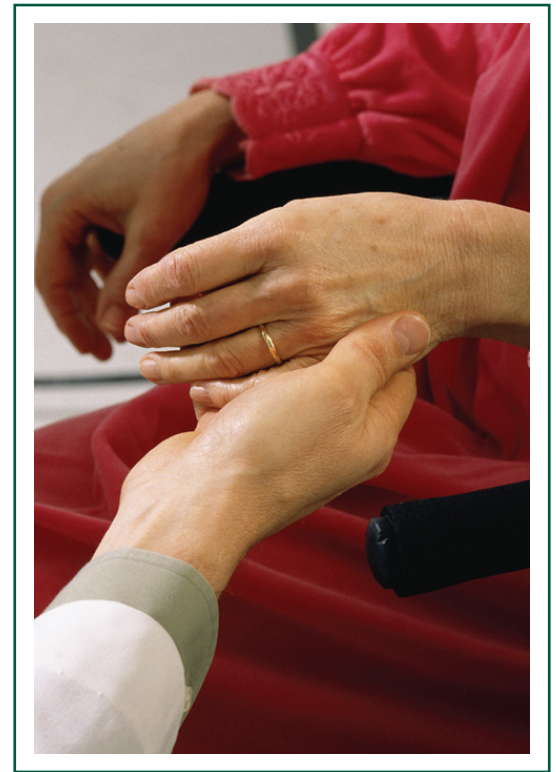
The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology program was designed to prepare individuals who seek education and training in gerontology. The program provides an interdisciplinary approach to gerontology and is available to those individuals who hold at least a baccalaureate degree and desire specialized training in line with their interest, needs and career goals. The interdisciplinary nature of the program also embraces different backgrounds and interests and is suited for graduates from any major including those in social and human services and the health professions. The program requires the completion of 15 credit hours of courses, 6 of which are required courses.



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Our interactive web-based Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is committed to excellence and:

- addresses the needs of persons interested in the rapidly expanding field of aging
- offers a challenging academic atmosphere
- is designed to meet the specific needs of busy professionals involved in the care of the elderly or
- for those wishing to acquire knowledge in how social, psychological, biophysiological and economic forces interact with the aging process.

The Certificate will assist graduates wishing to keep pace with the rapidly changing world of gerontology. Because it is offered online, the School of Aging Studies Online Graduate Gerontology Certificate program brings the educational quality of the University of South Florida right to your fingertips.

Admissions Requirements

All applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a GPA for upper level coursework of at least 3.0.

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology requires 15 credit hours to complete. And for those wishing to apply credit toward a graduate degree, up to 12 hours of certificate course credits may be applied to a Masters degree with departmental approval.

Transfer Credit: Non-degree seeking students and transfer students may apply one course to a graduate certificate with departmental approval.

Standardized Tests: There are no specific test requirements.

Application Process: Please visit www.outreach.usf.edu/gradcerts/admissions.asp. Check the box for fully online on the application form.

Tuition and Fees

The Online Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is offered to non-residents of Florida at a reduced tuition level. This reduced tuition allows students from outside of Florida to pay only a small amount more than is charged to Florida residents.

The following rates apply only to non-degree seeking graduate certificate students who take these graduate certificate courses online:

Florida Resident – \$416.60 per credit hour
Non-resident – \$431.46 per credit hour (after waiver*)
A flat fee of \$37 is assessed once per term.
Additional fees may be assessed by the college.

*Non-resident, non-degree graduate certificate students will be charged an out-of-state matriculation fee of \$562.67, but these students will receive a waiver of \$562.67 per credit hours for fully online graduate certificate credits taken via the web. Students must be admitted to the graduate certificate and registered in the eligible course section prior to the first day of class in order to receive the waiver.

Financial aid: Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid. Please contact private lenders for information on the types of student loans available.

Time limit: There is no specific time limit.

Program Requirements

The Certificate requires 15 credit hours of coursework. The courses listed below show the semester in which each is offered online for the first time.

Select 6 credits of required coursework from the list of core courses below:

- GEY 5620 Sociological Aspects of Aging (3) (Fall 2008)
- GEY 6600 Human Development (3) (Fall 2008)
- GEY 6613 Physical Change and Aging (3) (Spring 2009)

Select 9 credit hours of elective online coursework from the list below, or from the remaining core courses:

- GEY 6206 Family Caregiving in Aging and Chronic Illness (3) (Fall 2009)
- GEY 6230 Principles of Health Care Risk Management (3) (Spring 2010)
- GEY 6614 Aging and Mental Disorders (3) (Fall 2009)
- GEY 6627 Women and Aging (3) (Spring 2010)
- GEY 6934 Special Topics in Gerontology: Program and Service Evaluation (3) (Spring 2010)

In addition, on-campus offerings are available for other electives, including:

- GEY 5630 Economics of Aging (3)
- GEY 5642 Perspectives on Death and Dying (3)
- GEY 6321 Gerontological Case Management (3)
- GEY 6326 Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Training (3)
- GEY 6450 Gerontological Research/Planning (3)
- GEY 6607 Alzheimer's Disease Management (3)
- GEY 6615 Topics in Psychopathology and Aging (3)
- GEY 6616 Mental Health Assessment for Older Adults (3)
- GEY 6617 Gerontological Counseling Theory and Practice (3)
- GEY 6618 Gerontological Group and Family Counseling (3)
- GEY 6626 Health, Ethnicity, and Aging (3)
- GEY 6643 End of Life Care for Dementia Patients (3)
- GEY 6647 Ethical and Legal Issues in Aging (3)
- GEY 6940 Field Placement (1-6)
- GEY 6941 Field Placement in Mental Health (1-6)

For more information or if you would like to apply for the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, access the Graduate Certificate Program website at www.outreach.usf.edu/gradcerts/certificates.asp and click on Gerontology in the Program listing.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Cathy McEvoy, Director of the School of Aging Studies Graduate Programs at cmcevoy@cas.usf.edu or Amy Woodbury at 813-974-2414, e-mail: amwoodbu@cas.usf.edu