
Admission Requirements and Procedures

An individual planning to enter this program must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, and s/he must have appropriate access to the internet. Students apply by completing the Application for Graduate Certificate, which may be obtained from the Office of Extension and Distance Education (see the back panel for contact information). Spaces for this program are limited; therefore, applicants are encouraged to mail the completed application form along with two copies of official transcripts and the \$50 application fee to the Office of Extension and Distance Education as soon as possible.

Admission to this certificate program constitutes neither acceptance to the Graduate School nor the Master's Degree program in Gerontology. (A student who is considering pursuing the master's degree in Gerontology should consult with the Gerontology Program Director before the end of the first term of this program.)

Costs

Current tuition and fees for the 2007-08 academic year are:

In-State Student - \$144.75/semester hr.

Out-of-State Student - \$614.75/semester hr.

There are no other fixed expenses (other than the initial application fee), but each course will vary in the need for textbooks or other materials.

For more information about this program contact:

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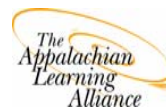
To apply, contact:

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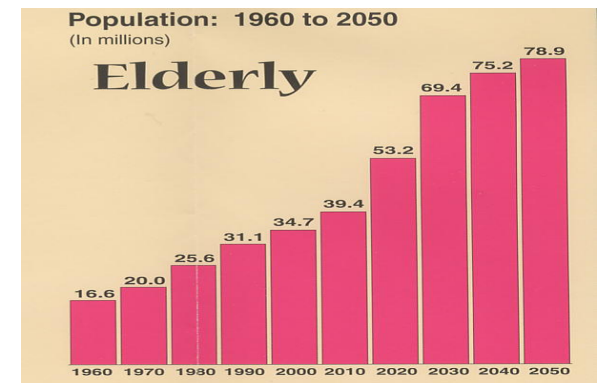
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On-Line Distance Education Program

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology



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The Certificate in Gerontology is designed for people:

- 1) currently working in aging/human services who need or desire formal education in Gerontology but not a master's degree;
- 2) in related master's degree programs whose value to employers would be raised by formal training in Gerontology;
- 3) interested in graduate education in Gerontology but are unsure whether to pursue a master's degree.
- 4) who need alternative study times. This program is "asynchronous": find course materials and do your work 24/7

Why Pursue a Certificate in Gerontology?

Between 2000 and 2030, the number of elderly in both the U.S. and North Carolina will double. By 2025 North Carolina's population will be older than Florida's today! ***The explosive growth of the older population will affect, directly or indirectly, nearly every career.***

A Certificate in Gerontology positions you professionally to work within one of the most rapidly growing fields in the nation.

Additionally, it empowers you in dealing realistically, pragmatically and effectively with your own aging and the aging of those close to you.

Program of Study

By taking two courses per semester and a summer internship, the 15 semester hour (SH) certificate can be earned in one year. However, given your work and family obligations, you can choose to take one course per semester and earn your Certificate over two years.

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

SOC 5400: Sociology of Adult Development and Aging (3 SH)
SOC 5420: Health Care and Aging (3 SH)
SOC 5630: Programs and Services for Older Adults (3 SH)
SOC 5530: Housing and the Elderly (3 SH)
SOC 5900: Internship (3 SH)

The Internship is designed for your professional development in consultation with the Certificate Program Director. For students interested in long term care, one internship option is the Assisted Living Facility Administrator-in-Training (ALF-AIT) program leading to licensure as an ALF administrator. ASU's Graduate Gerontology Program is a state-approved ALF-AIT provider.

The Distance Education Program

Appalachian's distance education program in Gerontology offers students the 15 hours necessary to acquire the graduate certificate in gerontology with no on-campus requirement. Two courses are offered each term. Students are expected to complete necessary coursework within the given term, and grades will be posted to an Appalachian transcript. The Internship is typically done during the summer.

Courses are delivered entirely on-line. Students access these web-based courses from the University AppalNET, a secured access portal available to Appalachian students and faculty. Chatrooms, discussion and e-mail may also be employed.

Library resources are provided online via a wealth of electronic databases and indexes (including full-text resources, e-books and e-journals). Additionally, a team of distance learning librarians is available during evening hours as well as on weekends to respond to calls or e-mails. A complete description of library services is shown on the Library Support for Distance Learners webpage at: www.library.appstate.edu/distance_learning

Recommended minimum workstation configuration:

PC: Pentium III/IV, Celeron, AMD, Windows 98 or 2000, 128 MB RAM; or, Macintosh G4, G4 Powerbook, iBook, G4 iMac, 256 MB RAM