



HENDERSON
STATE UNIVERSITY

Gerontology

**Department of Sociology, Human Services/Social Work and
Criminal Justice,
Ellis College of Arts and Sciences**

Required Number of Hours: 12

Description of certificate:

(Include an introductory paragraph and certificate plan of study.)

The Gerontology Certificate supports the Liberal Arts Core in the current global environment by preparing and educating students to work and interact with an aging population. This certificate will enable students to earn an additional education while they are working to earn a degree. It offers several workers and caregivers in nursing homes and medical setting the opportunity to update knowledge in gerontology. The Gerontology Certificate prepares students and workers to understand the aging process and the unique challenges that aging individuals confront.

The requirements for the certificate are as follows:

Core Required Courses (9hrs)

SOC/HS/SW 4383 Social Gerontology	3 hrs	
SOC/HS/SW4443 Human Services for Aged		3
hrs.		
SOC/HS/SW3273 Community Services or HS 3033 Methods I		
3 hrs.		

Three Hours Electives (3hrs)

SOC/HS/SW 4183	Death and Dying	3 hrs.
SOC 4483	Medical Sociology	3 hrs.
SOC/HS/SW 4503	Domestic Violence	3 hrs.

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

CLO 1: Define gerontology and discuss its origins and current areas of focus.

CLO 2: Summarize the biological and physiological changes related to aging.

CLO 3: Explain the cognitive changes that are linked with aging as well as theories that explain such changes and adaptations.

CLO 4: Demonstrate an understanding of the social context of older adults' experience, such as their living arrangements, employment, family supports, and discrimination.

CLO 5: Discuss the social policies and social problems affected older adults in the U.S.

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