APPLIED GERONTOLOGY, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Gerontology is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to successfully pursue careers within aging services organizations, or to conduct academic research in the field of aging. The program focuses on the biological, psychological, social, and policy aspects of aging, and encourages students to link practice and research in order to improve the quality of life of older adults. The GCAG is intended for graduate degree-seeking students in any field, and for degreed professionals looking to advance or refocus their careers. Please contact Jennifer Kahn-Pettigrew, Coordinator for Education and Programming, at 414-229-6888 or kahnpet2@uwm.edu for more information.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/).

Application

- Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
- All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School (https://uwm.edu/applygrad/).
- Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted into a certificate program.

Scholarship (https://uwm.edu/socialwelfare/research/office-of-applied-gerontology/appgeroscholarships/) options are available.

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Credits and Courses

Students wishing to earn a Graduate Certificate in Applied Gerontology must complete 18 graduate credit hours. No student may complete all 18 credits within a single school or college.

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
NURS 760	Processes of Aging	3
SOC WRK 851	Social Issue and Policy Analysis: (Aging)	3
Choice Core		
Select two of the following:		6
AD LDSP 547	The Educational Dimensions of Practice with Older Adults	
NURS 670G	Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults I (*open to Nursing students only)	
OCCTHPY 744	Advanced Occupational Therapy for Aging Adults (*open to Occupational Therapy students only)	
PSYCH 680	Psychology of Aging	
SOC WRK 680	Death and Dying	
SOC WRK 685	Social Gerontology	
SOC WRK 855	Practice Skills and Concepts for Aging and Health	
Electives		
Select 6 credits [1]		6
AD LDSP 667	Program Planning in Adult Education	
AD LDSP 757	Principles and Foundations of Adult Education	
ARCH 791	Master's Level Directed Research	
ARCH 792	Master's Level Independent Studies and Research	
ARCH 794	Pre-Thesis or Master's Project Research	
ARCH 800	Design Elective:	
ARCH 891	Master's Project	
COMMUN 672	Communication and Social Order	
COMSDIS 713	Degenerative Cognitive Communication Disorders in Older Adults	
ED PSY 747	Human Development: Study of the Adult	
ENGLISH 749	Advanced Internship in Writing and Community Engagement	
NURS 671G	Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults II (*open to Nursing students only)	
NURS 702	Advanced Practice Nursing Adult-Gerontology Chronic Illness (*open to Nursing students only)	
NURS 779	Special Topics Seminar: (Pain and Symptom Management)	
OCCTHPY 625	Design and Disability	
OCCTHPY 760	Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology	
OCCTHPY 770	Assessment in Assistive Technology and Accessible Design	
PSYCH 782	The Aging Brain	
SOC WRK 564	Concepts, Controversies, and Critical Policies for Older Adults	
SOC WRK 811	Direct Social Work Practice II: (Aging)	
Total Credits		**18**

[1] Additional electives that are not listed in the Electives heading above may be approved by the Certificate Coordinator. Students may also complete a "Practicum" in their home department or area of choice, with the approval of the Certificate Coordinator.

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credit

No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.

Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
   - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
   - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
   - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit

Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

- 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
- 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.