



Prepare Yourself for a Career in Gerontology

The most dramatic age shift in history is upon us. Earn your University of Washington Certificate in Gerontology, and engage in a field full of opportunity, growth and personal rewards.

Find New Career Opportunities

The study and care of the aging population will grow in importance over the coming years as the "baby boomer" population passes into the ranks of the older generation. That means employment opportunities for working with older adults will flourish in many areas beyond just healthcare. Fields such as financial services, fitness and wellness, consumer products, housing and travel will seek out employees with knowledge in gerontology.

Transitioning to or advancing a career in aging is easily done by overlaying a specialty in gerontology on to almost any profession. Complement your degree and experience in another field by earning the University of Washington Gerontology Certificate. Classes are delivered online, so you can study from anywhere. Beginning Autumn Quarter 2009, each course, with the exception of the Current Issues on Aging, is offered two academic quarters per year. Students start and progress through each course over 10 weeks, and have up to two years to complete the course requirements to earn the certificate. You will not miss out on opportunities for peer networking because email and online discussion boards provide regular communication with your instructors and other students.

The UW Certificate Program in Gerontology provides a flexible format and a quality educational experience designed for working professionals and other lifelong learners.

Fast Facts

- Over 24 million baby boomers are over age 50.
- By the year 2030, the baby boomers will be ages 66-84 and make up about 20% of the total population.
- The number of jobs in gerontology-related fields will increase more than 36 percent by 2012, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Estimated annual spending power of baby boomers is \$1 trillion.

Gerontology Certification Courses continued

Biological Aspects of Aging

Develop an understanding of the biology of aging and associated changes, including those illnesses common in older people. This course focuses on the relationship between changes in physical function, environment and quality of life, and includes theoretical perspectives on aging, as well as the aging process in specific physiological systems.

Psychology of Aging

Develop the skills necessary for evaluating current psychological theories of aging, research findings and implications for the aged person. Special consideration is given to effects of health and socioeconomic factors upon the psychological processes of aging, and the implications of psychological changes upon an individual's daily functioning.

The Family in Later Life

Understand issues affecting older persons and their families. This course addresses demographic influences on families; roles; rules and functions of family members; inter-generational relationships; economic, political and social policy affecting family life; and cultural variations and supportive resources for older persons and their families.

Current Issues in Aging

Review readings and use the Internet for current information on cutting-edge research in aging, advocacy, public policy and long-term care issues.

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The University of Washington is one of the oldest state-supported institutions of higher education on the West Coast, and one of the preeminent research universities in the world. With nationally ranked academic excellence, facilities, and a diverse student and faculty population, the UW is a leading-edge university with global influence.

About UW Certificate Programs

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