

AGING, CERTIFICATE

The Certificate of Graduate Study in Aging program addresses the educational needs of full-time and part-time students who will be engaged in the planning, administration and provision of services for older adults. Students earning master's or doctoral degrees in related disciplines are offered the opportunity to obtain specialized preparation for career paths in the expanding fields of gerontology and geriatrics.

The certificate provides graduate students with opportunities to learn from gerontology educators within several USC academic units. The program is administered by HPEB in the Arnold School of Public Health.

All programs of study are approved by The Graduate School.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to interpret the impact of biological, social, and psychological changes on the physical, psychological, and social well-being of older adults.

Program Benefits

The Certificate in Gerontology distinguishes you as a knowledgeable, skilled, and committed professional in the field of gerontology. The program

- enhances professional marketability,
- builds skills and competencies,
- fulfills continuing education requirements for many professionals, and
- develops an interdisciplinary perspective on aging.

Career Opportunities

This certificate program provides you with the knowledge and skills to effectively meet the needs of the aging population in a wide range of careers. There are opportunities in nursing, teaching, service, social work, public health, mental health administration, and research that focus on the needs and interests of older adults. These opportunities also exist within government programs and agencies; public and private institutions that provide health, education, and social services; research centers; special interest groups; colleges and universities; and corporate human services divisions.

For more information: Aging, Certificate (https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/public_health/study/graduate_degrees/certificates_of_graduate_study/)

Admission Requirements

- A four-year baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution
- Successful students in this program have typically presented a cumulative grade point average of 3.00/4.00 or higher
- For international applicants, please see the link for International Students and Credentials (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/policies-regulations/graduate-admissions/degree-seeking-admissions/#text>).

Certificate Requirements (18 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select any three of the following Core Courses		9
HPEB 620	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle	
HPEB 713	Behavioral Aspects of Physical Activity or EXSC 710 Behavioral Aspects of Physical Activity	
HPEB 731	Health Promotion for Older Adults	
HPEB 820	Public Health Advocacy and Policy	
COMD 714	Gerontology and Communicative Disorders	
EPID 830	Seminar in the Epidemiology of Aging	
SOWK 772	Programs and Services for Older Adults	
Practicum		3
HPEB 798B	Public Health Practicum Fieldwork	
Electives chosen with the approval of the program director		6
Total Credit Hours		18