

# Gerontology Certificate

Gerontology is the study of the social, psychological, cognitive and biological aspects of aging. The gerontology certificate will provide students with knowledge and skills for working with older adults and their families through a series of courses specifically focused on aging issues.

The majority of gerontology courses are offered online as gerontology courses and the opportunity to earn a gerontology certificate is available to any undergraduate student enrolled at Montana State University who is interested in working with older adults and their families.

The online gerontology certificate program is housed within the Department of Human Development and Community Health. To complete the online gerontology certificate students will need to complete 1 required courses and 4 elective courses (12 credits) for a total of 15 credits with earned grades of "C" or higher to fulfill certificate requirements.

## Required Courses

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| CHTH 245                      | Physical Activity, Nutrition and Health in Aging | 3  |
| Choose four of the following: |                                                  | 12 |
| CHTH 325                      | Leadership & Public Policies in Aging            |    |
| CHTH 405                      | Caregiving & Aging Families                      |    |
| CHTH 430                      | Mental Health & Social Issues in Aging           |    |
| HDFS 261                      | Adult Development and Aging                      |    |
| HDFS 461                      | Principles Wellbeing in Aging                    |    |
| Total Credits:                |                                                  | 15 |