

Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies

The Western Michigan University Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies enhances the knowledge and skills of individuals working with or studying older adults and aging processes. Gerontologists improve the quality of life and promote the well-being of persons as they age within their families, community and society through research, education and application of interdisciplinary knowledge of the aging process and aging populations. Students in the WMU certificate program learn about the biological, social and psychological foundations of human aging with a focus on global and cultural variations.

The Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies, offered through the College of Health and Human Services, can be earned as an independent certificate or used to supplement other graduate education. This may include students who are enrolled in programs related to health and human services, preparing for careers in public service and program administration, and those in basic and applied science fields who are interested in the study of aging. Related graduate degrees include biological sciences; counseling psychology; behavior analysis; audiology; sociology; public administration; social work; music therapy; occupational therapy; spirituality, culture and health; and family and consumer sciences. Course are online and the certificate can be completed in one year. Please be aware that financial aid for the certificate is only available if you are pursuing another graduate degree at Western Michigan University.

Required Courses: 9 credit hours

GRN 6700 - The Study of Human Aging Credits: 3 hours

GRN 6800 - Global Issues and Cultural Perspectives on Aging Credits: 3 hours

GRN 6810 - Aging Health and Social Services Credits: 3 hours

Course Rotation

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
GRN 6700	GRN 6700	none	none
GRN 6800	GRN 6810	none	none