The number of older adults requiring special services is on the rise, while service and support providers are experiencing a shortage of qualified workers to care for this population. Western Michigan University developed one of the first gerontology programs in the nation to address this need. This certificate program allows students to learn about the biological, psychological and social aspects of aging. Courses are taught by gerontologists experienced in delivering and evaluating services for older adults.

**Points of Pride**
- It is designed as a 15-credit hour certificate program for working professionals.
- Collaborative and interactive classes are delivered 100 percent online with face-to-face opportunities available near the main campus in Kalamazoo.
- Coursework can be completed in as little as one year and is also flexible for students who wish to spread out their coursework.
- Center for Gerontology in the College of Health and Human Services specializes in research, education and community service and was developed with a focus on global and cultural variations.

**Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas**
Faculty members are seasoned researchers and practitioners who share their knowledge in ways that enhance the individual student’s learning experience.

**Industry Highlights**
The certificate complements many graduate programs and can expand career choices. It enhances careers in social work, health care, financial services, government, senior living communities, community planning, human services and religious organizations.

**Admission**
**Domestic**
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis, allowing students to begin coursework in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Please allow two weeks for the admission committee to review applications.

**International**
Fall 2018: April 1, 2018
Spring 2019: Aug. 1, 2018
Summer 2019: Jan. 15, 2019

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