



Human Services-Aging Studies C.C.

Curriculum Code: 1806

Effective: Fall 2021 – Summer 2026

Description

The Aging Studies curriculum focuses on knowledge of physical, mental, and social aspects of aging. Students are introduced to the aging process, social institutions and policies, programs and services, and providing direct services to older persons and their families. This is the first certificate in an enhanced human services career pathway. Core principles from the Association from Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) serve as a guideline for the course work. A 2.5 grade or higher is required in all GERO and HUSE courses. General education courses require a 2.0 grade or higher.

Students continuing their education for the Human Services Certificate of Achievement or Associate Degree are required to meet with the Human Services Program Director prior to or during their first semester to obtain practicum information and application requirements for fall semester. Before practicum placement at the next level a criminal background check is required, and a DHHS Central Registry check for placements with children and families or agencies providing services to children and families.

Contact Information

Contact the Human Services Program, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number 517-483-1410, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

Program of Study Required Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
GERO 100	Introduction to Human Aging	4 / 4
HUSE 105	Personal Dynamics/ Interviewing	4 / 4
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice - Gerontology - *Select at least two courses, one credit total required.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
GERO 164	Med & Alcohol Use/Older Adults	.5 / 0*
GERO 169	Legal Rights of Older Adults	.5 / 0*
GERO 191	Special Topics in Gerontology	.25-1 / 0*

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice - Psychology – *Select one as approved by Human Services Program Director.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
PSYC 209	Cognitive Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 210	Brain and Behavior	3 / 3
PSYC 250	Abnormal Psychology	3 / 3

Total Credit Hours

16 credits / 15 billing hours + flat fees*

*GERO seminars are a flat fee and do not have billing hours. Contact the Program Coordinator of the Mental Health and Aging Project at 517-483-1526 or 517-483-1529 for fee information.

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I	Semester II
GERO 100 PSYC 200 Limited Choice - Gerontology	HUSE 105 Limited Choice - Gerontology Limited Choice - Psychology