

## Certificate in Aging Studies

A graduate certificate in aging studies (GCAGE) allows graduate students and working professionals to expand their knowledge of the fundamental concepts of aging, to better serve an aging population they frequently encounter. The GCAGE prepares students in aging-specific areas of health communication, navigating the Medicare system, biological processes, public health priorities, and interprofessional perspectives.

The GCAGE can be completed 100 percent online. It comprises a total of 15 credit hours. Students who complete this certificate and then wish to complete the Master of Arts in aging studies to further concentrate in the social sciences, public health sector or administration, will have already earned 15 of the required 30 credit hours and can then complete their master's within two semesters.

The curriculum can be completed within one academic year. Entry to the program is allowed in fall, spring or summer semesters. The certificate may also be pursued concurrently with a graduate degree program such as the Master of Health Administration, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Social Work and clinical disciplines in the College of Health Professions. The GCAGE provides quality distance education, enabling students to earn their graduate certificate from anywhere in the state or country.

### Admission

In order to be admitted into the graduate certificate in aging studies program, the applicant must:

1. Be admitted to the Graduate School in a degree program or in nondegree Category A status. All Graduate School policies relative to admission apply. International students will not be issued an I-20 for certificate programs alone. International students may obtain this certificate only while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree;
2. Have a bachelor degree of any discipline to be considered for admission; and
3. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.750 (on a 4.000 scale) or a 2.750 in the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework.

**Application Deadlines:** July 15th for fall admission; December 1st for spring admission; April 15th for summer admission.

### Program Requirements

It is possible for a student to complete the requirements for the certificate in one year. Entry to the program is offered fall, spring and summer semesters. The courses are offered on the following rotation:

Course	Title	Hours
AGE 717	Health Communications and Aging (fall)	3
AGE 765	The Medicare System (summer)	3
AGE 798	Interprofessional Perspectives on Aging (fall or spring)	3
AGE 818	Advanced Biological Perspectives of Aging (fall or spring)	3
AGE 822	Advanced Perspectives of Public Health and Aging (spring)	3