

# Graduate Certificate in Functional Aging

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This certificate provides knowledge and training for those working in the field of aging. It will help them assist older adults to retain sufficient levels of functional ability and to understand the physiologic changes that occur with aging and how these changes impact the quality of life for older adults.

## Admission

Students seeking a graduate certificate must be admitted to the Graduate School in a degree program or in nondegree status. All Graduate School policies relative to admissions apply. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.000 or better.

Students must receive approval to enter this certificate program from their graduate advisor and the certificate in functional aging faculty committee. To initiate the application process, candidates must provide a completed application form and a one-page statement to the certificate in functional aging faculty committee explaining the student's purpose and interest in obtaining the certificate in functional aging, as well as his or her career plans.

## Program Requirements

The program consists of 12 credit hours of coursework selected from the following list. Students may not take more than 6 credit hours from a single department. In addition to these requirements, students must meet the Graduate School's requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/academic-information/types-programs-courses/certificate-residency-badge-programs/>) in order to earn this certificate.

Course	Title	Hours
Select 12 credit hours from the following:		12
CSD 517	Communication in Special Populations: Aging	
CSD 812	Aphasia	
EXSC 780	Physical Dimensions of Aging	
EXSC 895	Applied Research	
PHS 710	Perspectives on an Aging Society	
PSY 905	Cognitive/Learning Foundations of Behavior	
PSY 921	Seminar in Human Factors	
PSY 925	Seminar in Perception	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>