Certificate in Gerontology

Between 2015 and 2060, the number of older adults (aged 65-plus) in the United States is projected to rise from 50 million to 95 million; and will soon represent more than one out of every five Americans. This remarkable and unprecedented societal change will create numerous and unique opportunities for those interested in occupations related to the field of aging.

The Certificate in Gerontology at CSUSB is designed for undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines, and with a variety of career goals. Although traditionally completed by students in Sociology, Psychology, Health Science, and Kinesiology; this certificate is open to all majors. Successful completion of the certificate will not only impart competency in gerontology, but it will also expose the student to a range of perspectives in this emerging interdisciplinary field.

Certificates may be earned by regularly matriculated or extended learning students and denote successful completion of a prescribed program of study designed to:

1. impart specified professional/vocational/career competencies; or
2. produce mastery of the content of a sub-field of an academic major (discipline); or
3. provide exposure to the range of materials in a traditional or emerging interdisciplinary field.

Certain certificate programs contain 6000-level courses as requirements and/or electives. These 6000-level courses may not be taken by undergraduate students. Candidates must receive two-thirds of their certificate-applicable credit from the university. The transferring of credit or the substitution of courses may occur only after application to the appropriate campus authority.

Certificate Requirements (18 units)

Core Requirements (9)

Nine units chosen from:

- HSCI 4023 Health and Wellness of Older Adults
- SOC 3300 Aging and The Lifecourse
- PSYC 3329 Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
- KINE 3600 Physical Activity and Aging

Electives (9)

Nine units chosen from:

- HSCI 3060 Medical Care Organizations
- HSCI 3067 Human Diseases and Disorders
- HSCI 3204 Public Health Nutrition
- HSCI 3556 Housing, Institutions, and Land Use
- HSCI 3602 Lifecycle Nutrition and Assessment
- HSCI 4550 Health Aspects of Death and Dying
- HSCI 5753 Field Experience in Health Science (with Gerontology component)
- PSYC 3303 Parenting and Family Relations
- PSYC 3318 Health Psychology
- PSYC 3324 Developmental Psychobiology