Gerontology

If you have a passion for helping others and are looking for a rewarding career, consider Gerontology. Our certificate program will prepare you for a range of gerontology-related career opportunities, and will give you a strong background in the study of the mental, physical, and social aging processes and their societal implications.

As the population of middle age to elderly adults continues to increase, career opportunities can be found in administration, activities director, adult day care provider, case worker, consumer advocate, lifelong learning instructor, senior center manager, social services coordinator, and volunteer coordinator. Increase your marketability in the field with the Gerontology program which will help you understand and identify ways support older clients.

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(Certificate)

Over 78 million people in the Baby Boomer generation are nearing retirement age. With such a vast number of adults starting to turn sixty-five, experts project staggering growth in the need for trained gerontology professionals. Enroll in our new Gerontology certificate program and get the skills and knowledge essential to meet the complex needs of older adults. With the Gerontology certificate, you can enhance your skills and knowledge for work in the following related careers:

- Health Care Social Worker
- Mental Health Counselor
- Child, Family, and School Social Worker
- Rehabilitation Specialist
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Specialists
- Training and Development Specialist
- Counseling and Clinical Psychologist
- Case Manager
- Assistant Living and Nursing Home Specialist
- Nurse and Nurses Aid
- Home Health Care Worker
- Marketing Research Analyst and Marketing Specialist
- Insurance Agents
- Long Term Care and Life Specialist
- Criminal Justice Advocate

Classes in this 36-credit program include:

- Intro to Human Services and Helping Profession
- Introduction to Aging
- Psychology of Aging
- Social Policy and Ethics in Human Services
- Aging in American Society
- Volunteer Administration
- Assessment and Documentation in Human Services
- Hospice: Concepts and Skills
- Professional Development in Human Services
- Human Services Practicum

The Gerontology Certificate courses can be applied to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services Program (AAS) which is transferrable to a number of area colleges, including Chestnut Hill College’s BA or BS in Human Services. Substitutions must be approved by the Program Coordinator.