

Graduate Interdisciplinary Gerontology Certificate (GIGC)

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

COURSEWORK: 12 hours, GEC Summer institute, & Discipline-specific Practicum with older adults

AGHE COMPETENCIES	COURSEWORK	SEMESTER/YEAR
Foundational Competencies to all Fields of Gerontology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frameworks for understanding human aging • Biological, Social, & Psychological Aspects of Aging • The Humanities and Aging • Research & Critical Thinking 	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SWRK 5745 Health and Mental Health Interventions with Older Adults (Fall) ○ NURS 5750 Care of the Elderly: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Health (Spring, Summer) ○ PUBH 5930 Special Topics: Health and Aging (Spring) ○ HCE 6320 Gerontology and Ethics 	
Interactional Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitudes & Perspectives • Ethics & Professional Standards • Communication with & on behalf of Older Persons • Interdisciplinary & Community Collaboration 	Interdisciplinary Geriatric Care (GEC summer institute) AND Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HCE 6320 Gerontology and Ethics ○ NURS 5750 Care of the Elderly: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Health (Spring, Summer) ○ LAW 8040 Elder Law ○ SWRK 5786 Death, Dying, and Grief: Professional Practice and Self-Awareness (Spring) ○ CMM Communication and Aging—Independent Study 	
Contextual Competencies Across Fields of Gerontology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being, Health, & Mental Health (and Social Health) • Policy 	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HMP 5000 Health Care Organization ○ HMP 5300 Management of Health Care Organizations ○ LAW 8005 Bioethics and the Law ○ SWRK 5745 Health and Mental Health Interventions with Older Adults (Fall) ○ SWRK 5758 Chronic Health Conditions (Spring) ○ DIET 5220 Gerontological Nutrition (Fall, Summer) ○ SWRK 5786 Death, Dying, and Grief: Professional Practice and Self-Awareness (Spring) 	
	Additional course from any category above* AND Practicum: A discipline-specific field practicum focusing on working with older adults.	

****Students must take courses from 2 or more departments for completion of the certificate****

*Per existing interuniversity agreements with University of Missouri-Saint Louis and Washington University, students may seek to take a gerontology-related class in addition to one course in each of the competency areas listed above. This requires prior approval from the student’s advisor. The courses below are potential courses that might be appropriate (see UMSL and Wash U for current offerings):

- UMSL 6441 Aging and Health Behavior
- UMSL 5440 Sociocultural Aspects of Aging
- UMSL 5376 Psychopathology & Aging
- UMSL 6444 Seminar in Public Policy & Aging
- WASH U S30 SWDP 9455 Direct Social Work Practice with Older Adults