

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology Healthcare

About This Program

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology Healthcare will identify individuals who have advanced expertise in the care and management of older adult individuals and populations. Certificate courses focus upon an inter-professional approach to develop advanced knowledge of the care and management of older adults, their families, and communities in a variety of health care settings.

Older adults are growing in numbers worldwide. By some estimates, adults over age 65 will soon represent a greater proportion of our societies than children. Many health care providers do not have focused gerontological content in their programs of study yet are faced with caring for increasing numbers of older adult patients and seek specific gerontological content to increase their confidence and skill in caring for and managing this population.

This certificate may be combined other programs of study, or applicants can attend strictly for the certificate. Licensed and certified Advanced Practice Registered Nurses may take a Gerontological Specialist exam which identifies them to employers and the broader community as an expert in the care and management of older adults. Courses from this certificate could be used in lieu of required focused continuing education courses for applicants who wish to take that certification exam and seek recognition as a Gerontological Specialist.

Competencies

1. Demonstrate competence in the care and management of aging and of the aged populations
2. Participate in scholarly endeavors related to inter-professional approaches related to older adults, their families and their communities.
3. Provides leadership in nursing or other health related discipline as it relates to the older adult.

Admissions Criteria

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing or Health Related field or a Masters / Doctorate in Nursing or Health related field. These courses are aimed to increase knowledge in the care and knowledge of older adults.

Curriculum

Course List

Choose 4 of the listed courses:

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NURS 5356 (https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=NURS%205356)	GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY, HEALTH LITERACY, AND MODELS OF CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS
NURS 5357 (https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=NURS%205357)	ADVANCED CLINICAL MANAGEMENT OF OLDER ADULTS WITH COMPLEX MULTIMORBIDITY
NURS 5358 (https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=NURS%205358)	ADVANCED CLIN MGMT OF OLDER ADULTS W/COMPLEX MULTIMORBIDITY DURING ACUTE ILLNESS CRISIS
NURS 5348 (https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=NURS%205348)	NURSING CARE AT THE END OF LIFE
SOCW 5318 (https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SOCW%205318)	DEATH & DYING
SOCW 5333 (https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SOCW%205333)	AGING AND SOCIAL POLICY

KINE 5390 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=KINE%205390>) SPECIAL TOPICS IN KINESIOLOGY (Heathy Aging)

SOCW 5335 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SOCW%205335>) AGING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

SOCW 5334 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SOCW%205334>) FAMILY CAREGIVING & AGING

Total Hours

12

Advising Resources

Graduate nursing students will be assigned a degree plan once admitted to the program. They are encouraged to make phone, in-person, or virtual appointments as needed to discuss their academic progression.

Location:

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