

Gerontology Certificate

Coordinator

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Background

Between 2010 and 2050, the number of older adults (aged 65-plus) in the United States is projected to rise from 40 million to 84 million; and will soon represent 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 students from a variety of disciplines, and with a variety of career goals. Although traditionally completed by students in Sociology, Psychology, and Health Science, 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.

Administrative

The candidate is responsible for filing an application with the *Office of Records, Registration and Evaluations* (UH-171) for granting of the certificate (cost \$25). The Gerontology Certificate can also be added to the PAWS report for an additional (optional) cost of \$6.

Then, the candidate must notify the certificate program coordinator when required course work is completed. Undergraduates must earn a grade point average of 2.0 (2.5 for postgraduates) in certificate courses.

The certificate is awarded on the student's transcript, upon confirmation that the requirements for that program have been satisfied. The student also received a physical copy of the certificate

Course Requirements

Certificate requirements are outlined on the following page. Certificate course requirements may be the same ones used to satisfy major, minor, credential or general education requirements.

Under semesters, a total of **six** classes (3 core classes and 3 elective classes) must be completed to be awarded the certificate

Up to two of these classes may be transferred from another university, if these classes are upper division and approved by the Gerontology Certificate Coordinator.