HUMAN SERVICES
Gerontology Option
Workforce Development Degree

Program Description:
Students in the Gerontology Option obtain skills and knowledge that will provide flexibility to work in a number of settings relating to the aging population. Careers serving the elderly can be found in senior centers, adult day care, nursing homes and other residential settings for the elderly, home companion/home health care, hospice, and family support. Specialized coursework (15 - 16 credit hours) includes:

- Gerontology in Human Services
- Aging and Behavior
- Management of Community Programs

Degree Awarded: Associate in Applied Science
General Education Requirements Credit Hours: 27

Communication 9 hours
*ENGL 1113 Composition I
and select one course from the following:
*ENGL 1213 Composition II
*ENGL 2333 Technical/Professional Writing
*ENGL 2343 Business Communication I
and select one course from the following:
COMM 1013 Fundamentals of Listening
COMM 1113 Public Speaking
COMM 2103 Interpersonal Communication

Psychology 6 hours
PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC/SOCI 2713 Aging and Behavior

Social Science 6 hours
POLS 1113 American Federal Government
and select one course from the following:
HIST 1483 U.S. History 1492 to Civil War Era
HIST 1493 U.S. History Civil War Era to Present

Sociology 6 hours
*SOCI 1133 Crisis Intervention and Experience
and select one course from the following:
SOCI 1113 Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 2113 Social Problems in America

Specialized Course Requirements Credit Hours: 36-37

^Human Services 27 hours
HSVC 1113 Principles of Human Services
HSVC 1213 Basic Counseling Skills
HSVC 1313 Chemical Dependency and Treatment
HSVC 2023 Lifespan Development
*HSVC 2053 Human Services Applications/Case Management
*HSVC 2073 Issues in Human Services
*HSVC 2113 Internship
*HSVC 2513 Management of Community Programs
*HSVC 2613 Gerontology in Human Services

Philosophy 3 hours
PHIL 2153 Medical Ethics

Controlled Electives 6-7 hours
ALDH 1323 Medical Terminology
BIOL 1383 Nutrition
CSYS/CSCI Any courses (up to 3 credit hours)
^HSVC Any courses
HORT 1031 Therapeutic Horticulture
MGMT 1233 Health Care Management
PHED 2603 Total Wellness
PHED 2212 First Aid
*POLS 2133 Introduction to Public Administration
*PSYC / SOCI 2053 Social Psychology
*PSYC 2213 Brain and Behavior
*PSYC 2613 Adult Psychology

Total Credit Hours: 63-64
*Course has prerequisite (See course description section of catalog).
^ Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in HSVC courses in order to progress to advanced courses in the program, or gain permission of instructor or associate dean.