

GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL SERVICES CERTIFICATE

(Requirements effective Fall Semester 2008)

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The elderly are the fastest growing group in our society, and geriatric social work offers one of the top career opportunities for the future. However, there is a serious shortage of workers with specialized training needed in gerontology. Wayne College's certificate program in Gerontological Social Services prepares you for social service employment in the field of aging and strengthens your knowledge and skills if you are currently employed in the field.

You can receive this credential without completing an associate degree. However, most certificate recipients do complete the Social Services Technology Associate to Bachelor's degree option and the gerontology certificate simultaneously, thereby receiving the certificate with the Associate of Applied Science degree in Social Services Technology. This enhances employability and broadens career opportunities. You will be prepared for positions such as Outreach Worker, Activity Worker, Social Services Worker, Nutrition Site Coordinator, Senior Specialist, and Respite Care Worker.

With careful planning as you complete the Associate to Bachelor's degree option, you can receive both the Gerontological Social Services Certificate and the Therapeutic Activities Certificate with only four additional credits beyond the associate degree. Both certificates are beneficial, regardless of your career interests.

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— — —	2260:121	Social Service Techniques I	3	2260:171 or permission
— — —	2260:122	Social Service Techniques II	3	2260:121 (corequisite)
— — —	2260:150	Introduction to Gerontological Services	3	
— — —	2260:171	Career Issues in Social Services I	1	7750:276 (coreq.)
— — —	2260:172	Career Issues in Social Services II	1	2260:171 and 122 (coreq.)*
— — —	2260:251	Community Services for Senior Citizens	3	2260:150
— — —	2260:275	Therapeutic Activities	3	2260:150
— — —	2260:287	Practicum in Therapeutic Activities and Long-term Care	1	2260:122, 275, 293; 2260:294 (coreq.)
		or		
— — —	2260:289	Practicum in Gerontological Social Services	1	2260:122, 150, 293; 2260:294 (coreq.)
— — —	2260:293	Field Work Orientation	1	2260:172; 2260:122 & 273 (coreqs.)
— — —	2260:294	Field Work Evaluation	1	2260:273 & 293; 2260:285 or 287 or 289 (coreq.)
— — —	3100:103	Natural Science-Biology (schedule lab)	4	
— — —	3100:108	Introduction to Biological Aging	3	3100:103
— — —	3300:111	English Composition I	4	Placement by adviser
— — —	7750:276	Introduction to Social Welfare	4	

TOTAL CREDITS - 35

C = Completed E = Exempt R = Required

* Students completing this certificate in one year can get special permission to waive these prerequisites and corequisites.