

PROGRAM CHECK SHEET: Bachelor of Science in Gerontology
TOTAL HOURS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION: 128 (Long-Term Care Administration Specialization)

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BG PERSPECTIVE REQUIREMENTS

CR. GR. SEM.
3 _____ English 112

Note: Eng 110 or 111 may be required prior to ENG 112; no more than 6 hours of ENG composition will be counted toward graduation requirements.

NATURAL SCIENCES (2 courses)

SOCIAL SCIENCES (2 courses)

HUMANITIES AND ARTS (2 courses)

CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE U.S. (1 course)

BG PERSPECTIVE ELECTIVE (1 course)

A course must meet International Perspective requirement from either category

Met International Perspective

Yes No

- * Will also fulfill Natural Sciences requirement
- ** Will also fulfill Social Sciences requirement
- *** Will also fulfill Humanities & Arts requirement
- **** Will also fulfill Cultural Diversity In The U.S.
- ^ SOC 101 – prerequisite is for SOC 369 and PSYC 101 - Prerequisite is for PSYC 270

Students pursuing the long-term care administration specialization should be aware of the additional coursework and practicum requirements, which make one to two additional semesters of undergraduate work necessary beyond the normal eight semesters. The additional coursework may be completed during summer semesters if the student desires.

DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES (94-95 hours)

(S/U option not permitted in degree program courses) (Grade of "C" or better required in all degree program courses) Pre-Gerontology students are not permitted to take upper division Gerontology courses (e.g. GERO 402, 410, 491, 493)

CR.	GR	SEM.	
5			BIOL 205 Concepts In Biology II *
3			GERO 101 Aging, Individual & Society**
3			GERO 301 Aging and Ethnicity ****
3			GERO 330 Psychosocial Aspect of Ag
3			GERO 402 Health and Aging
3			GERO 410 Social Policy & Programs
3			GERO 411 Principles of NHA
3			GERO 420 Program Eval/Grant Writ
3			GERO 460 Mental Health and Aging
4			BIOL 332 Human Anatomy & Phys
3			DHS 300 Research Methods
3			DHS 330 Interview & Observation
3			F&N 207 Nutrition, Health & You*
3			F & N 310 Nutritional Assessment
3			PHIL 219 Phil of Death & Dying ***
4			PSYC 101 General Psychology **
3-4			PSYC 270 or SOC 369 or Math 115
			or STAT 200 ^
3			ACCT 221 Account & Bus Concepts
3			ACCT 222 Accounting Concepts II
3			BA 325 Organ of HC Services
3			MKT 300 Principles of Marketing
3			ECON 202 Principles Microecon **
3			ECON 203 Principles Macroecon**
3			FIN 300 Business Finance
3			MEDT 401 Issues In Health Care
3			LEGS 425 Health Care Law
3			MGMT 305 Principles of Organizations
			or MGMT 360 Organizational Theory
3			MGMT 361 Human Resource Mgmt
3			MGMT 465 Managing change or Org.
3			MIS 200 Mgmt Info Systems

PRACTICUM (20 + 1 hours required within same semester)

20 _____ GERO 491 Practicum
1 _____ GERO 493 Practicum Seminar

(GPA OF 2.5 REQUIRED TO TAKE GERO 491/GERO 493)

Gerontology

One American in eight is 65 years of age or older. The elderly, using the chronological definition, make up the fastest growing segment of the population, and they comprise an increasing proportion of the total population as well. In the year 2020 over 40 million Americans will be 65 and above, compared to only 31 million in 1990. The rapid increase in the number of older Americans will alter the economic, social, and political roles occupied by older adults and will bring about changes in our society as a whole.

Curriculum – With these needs in mind, the Bachelor of Science in Gerontology was developed. The gerontology curriculum is built on a liberal arts base. Each student takes a core group of courses in gerontology and other social sciences. In addition to the core courses, each student must also complete work in a cognate area approved by the advisor. **A grade of “C” or better is required in all degree program and cognate courses.** Completion of cognates does not qualify students for licensure, certification or other professional credentials.

Admission Requirements – Students are admitted to the gerontology degree program upon: a) completion of **GERO 101** (Aging, the Individual and Society) or its equivalent with a **“C” or better**; and b) a grade point average of **2.5 or higher** on a total of at least **30** credit hours.

Prior to admission, students will be classified as pursuing either the pre-gerontology or pre-long-term care administration specialization within the gerontology degree program in the College of Health and Human Services. Pre-gerontology students are not permitted to take upper division GERO courses. Students wishing to change from general gerontology to long-term care administration specialization, or from long-term care administration specialization to general gerontology, must also meet the admission requirements.

Specialization in Long-Term Care Administration – One option available to students in gerontology is to elect the long-term care administration specialization, which prepares gerontology students to seek licensure as a nursing home administrator. The licensed administrator holds the top management job in administration, finance, legal studies, and management. Because of the additional course work required, this specialization requires at least an additional semester of study. Students pursuing the long-term care administration specialization should be aware of the additional coursework and practicum requirements, which make one to two additional semesters of undergraduate work necessary beyond the normal eight semesters. The additional coursework may be completed during summer semesters if the student desires.

Practicum – The final components of gerontology students’ curriculum are the Practicum (GERO 491) and Practicum Seminar (GERO 493), which are normally taken during the senior year. A cumulative grade point of **2.5** is required before students can register for GERO 491. The practicum for general gerontology students consists of a minimum of 400 hours experience in a program, agency or institution that serves older adults. Students will receive 10 semester hours of academic credit upon satisfactory completion of the experience. The students in long-term care administration specialization practicum consists of a minimum of 800 hours experience in an approved skilled nursing facility under the supervision of an Ohio licensed nursing home administrator. Upon satisfactory completion of the experience, the student will receive 20 semester hours of academic credit.

As a result of the need for close supervision of students registered from practicum experiences, it is recommended that placements be in facilities in close proximity to Bowling Green. Students should also be aware that 132 hours are required for graduation in the long-term care administration specialization program.

Affiliation – The long-term care administration specialization of the gerontology degree program is approved by the Ohio Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators.