GERONTOLOGY - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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Description
The Gerontology graduate certificate is offered jointly with the University of Akron to offer students specialized training within the interdisciplinary field of gerontology that goes beyond what is rooted in their selected professional discipline or academic major. Coursework completed at either institution may be applied to the certificate. The certificate program is flexible; students can tailor the courses taken toward completion of the certificate to meet their unique professional interests.

The Gerontology certificate is based on the recommended standards of excellence established by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. The faculty at both Kent State University and the University of Akron are nationally and internationally recognized scholars in gerontology. Many are fellows of the Gerontological Society of America. Faculty are available to assist students with course selection, research projects and other matters of interest in the field of gerontology.

Fully Offered At:
• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
• Official transcript(s)
• Master’s degree from an accredited institution
• Two letters of recommendation (students currently enrolled in graduate degree programs at either Kent State University or the University of Akron may use the letters of recommendation submitted for admission into their degree program)
• Goal statement and professional objectives

For more information about graduate admission, please visit the graduate admission website.

1 Student must be matriculated in a graduate degree program or hold a graduate degree from an accredited institution. Students may be admitted with non-degree status, but they must complete a graduate degree prior to being awarded the certificate.

Program Requirements
Certificate Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

1 Meets the psychosocial requirement of the certificate.

Graduation Requirements
Minimum Certificate GPA
3.000

• Students declared in a doctoral degree should enroll in the doctoral level version of these courses, if offered.
• A thesis or dissertation may be applied toward certificate requirements if it involves an aging-related topic. Students can also apply a practicum/internship course within their degree program as a capstone experience in the certificate program.
• Minimum 12 credit hours must be at the 600 level (University of Akron), 60000 level (Kent State University) or above designation.
• Maximum 3 credit hours is transferable from outside the university.