Millersville University has an interdisciplinary minor in Gerontology. The program’s objectives include increasing knowledge, examining values and improving skills to help students with their own aging, to live with aging people and to prepare them for careers helping the elderly. The program is also designed to improve the understanding and competence of students already working within this specialized area. Students must complete 18 credits to complete the minor.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After successful completion of the requirements in the Gerontology minor, students will:

• Have the knowledge and skills required for effective and ethical work with the aging population.

• Understand the aging process, including multiple dimensions within multiple contexts.

• Be prepared for employment in professions dealing with aging or aging-related issues.

• Be equipped to assume leadership and advocacy roles, in diverse settings, that will serve the aging population.

REQUIRED COURSES (15 Credits)

GERT 100: Introduction to Gerontology
SOWK 306: Social Work and Aging
SOWK 307: Social Work and Healthcare
SOWK 315: Grief and Bereavement
SOCY 210: Sociology of the Family

Students will select one of the following electives (3 Credits):

NURS 316: Women, Health, and Health Care
NURS 350: Pathways to Healthy Aging
PHIL 280: Philosophy of Death and Dying
PSYC 229: The Adult Years
WSSD 395: Leisure Activities for the Aged

Other courses approved by the Gerontology Minor Coordinator may also be used as an elective.

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