B.S. in Applied Gerontology

Overview

Degree Requirements

Description

The B.S. in Applied Gerontology prepares students to be competitive in a variety of aging related occupational venues and admission to a variety of graduate degree programs.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

General Education Requirements

See the General Education/Core Curriculum for the School of Applied Sciences. Students in the applied gerontology major are allowed to take Math 120 to fulfill the College Algebra math requirement.

The BSAG degree requires an additional 27 hours in the following related subject areas:

- CSD 201 – Intro to Communication Disorders or CSD 303 - Communication Deficits in Older Adults (3)
- Writ 250 – Advanced Composition (3)
- NHM 323 - Human Development (3) OR Psy 301 – Developmental Psychology
- NHM 325 – Family Relations (3) OR NHM 443 – Family Financial Management
- NHM 311 – Nutrition (3)
- SRA 262 – Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation (3)
- ES 394 – Therapeutic Exercise & Fitness (3)
- GB 370 – Entrepreneurship and Management OR MGMT 391 – Organizational Management
- SPCH 102 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking (3) OR SPCH 105 – Business and Professional Speech OR BUS 271 – Business Communications (3)

Course Requirements

A major in Applied Gerontology requires the following 33 hours:

- GER 310 — End-of-Life Issues (3)
- GER 321/SW 321 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)
- GER 322/SW 322 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3)
- GER 326/SW 326 - Gerontology (3)
- GER 344/ES 344 – Aging in the 21st Century (3)
- GER 390 – Special Topics (3) OR CJ 390 – Special Topics (3) OR SW 498 – Special Topics (3) OR LA 421 – Special Topics in Legal Studies or ES 391 - Trends & Topics in Exercise Science (3)
- GER 411/ LA 411 – Elder Law (3)
- GER 499 – Senior Seminar (3)
- GER 490 – Programs and Services in Gerontology (3)
- GER 493 – Occupational Specialization/Internship (6)

Other Academic Requirements

All Applied Gerontology majors must complete a recognized minor in an area other than Applied Gerontology. Students who are double majoring, or have completed a previous bachelors degree or hold an approved professional certification/license in a second degree area may request approval to waive the minor requirement.