

# Declaration Form for MSW Students

## Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, UMSL

Submit this form to Dr. Tom Meuser, Director of the Gerontology Graduate Program, School of Social Work, for automatic admission into the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Program.

This 18 hour certificate is a formal, wall-hanging degree which can be denoted as "GCG" on your business card or resume. The GCG credential is intended for those who plan on pursuing a career in gerontological social work. The 18 credit hours are usually obtained within the 60 hour footprint of the MSW.

The GCG may be pursued along with the Gerontology Concentration in Social Work or separately (most do them together). Those with some interest in gerontology, but who are unsure of a career path, may be better served by just pursuing the Concentration, as the GCG requires that most electives be focused in aging.

***I declare my intent to pursue the GCG credential as part of my MSW education at UMSL:***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Admission Semester (first enrolled in MSW Program): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Social Work Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Students who declare to pursue the GCG will have an additional academic file in the Gerontology Program and will be considered students of this program, as well as of Social Work. GCG students are welcome at all Gerontology sponsored events throughout the School Year. GCG students should meet with Dr. Meuser at least once to develop a plan of study. Other advising may take place through the assigned advisor in Social Work.*

**Questions?** Contact Dr. Tom Meuser at 314-516-5421 or [meusert@umsl.edu](mailto:meusert@umsl.edu).  
Or stop by his office: 134 Bellerive Hall (behind the Chapel Classroom)