### Gerontology Graduate Program, School of Social Work, University of Missouri – St. Louis

### ADVISING GUIDE & COURSE ROTATION PLAN (←> choose one for requirement)

Fall Semester (Core)

POLICY (3 credits for MSG & Grad Cert)

Health Care Policy (6443)

HEALTH (3 credits for MSG & Grad Cert)

Aging & Health Behavior (6441)

SOCIOCULTURAL (3 credits for MSG & Cert)

Advanced Social Gerontology (5361 / 4361)

CLINICAL & PSYCHOSOCIAL (6 credits)

Gerontological Assessment (6450)

Psychopathology & Aging (5376 / 4376)

Fall Semester (Elective)
Issues in Retirement (6449)
Directed Study (6490 / 4490)

9 credits of electives are required for the MSG Track 1; no electives are allowed for the Graduate Certificate which utilizes core courses only. Any core course may also serve as an elective. Additional electives may be offered in a given term at the discretion of the Program Director.

PRACTICUM (6 credits for MSG)

Practicum in Gerontology (6495)

Advanced Practicum in Gerontology (6496)

Practicum in Gerontological Research (6500)

Each practicum is 200 hours. 6495 is required for the Graduate Certificate and the MSG. MSG students may choose 6496 or 6500, depending on career goals. Most on the Service & Care Track take 6496. Some on the Program Administration Track may choose 6500. All practicum assignments require a special consent number and are made at the discretion of the Program Director. A special advising meeting is required 2-3 months out.

Spring Semester (Core)

**POLICY** 

Seminar in Public Policy & Aging (6444)

**HEALTH** 

**Epidemiology of Aging** (6470)

**SOCIOCULTURAL** 

Cultural Aspects of Aging (5440 / 3215)

**CLINICAL & PSYCHOSOCIAL** 

Interviewing & Life Review (6130)

Theory and Practice with Adults (6120)

Spring Semester (Elective)

Intro to Gerontological Practice (4680)

Dying, Grief & Death in Older Adults (5620)

Summer Semester (Electives)

Successful Aging (100% On-Line; 4700)

**Interdisciplinary Geriatric Care** (6497; includes SLU Summer Geriatric Institute)

RESEARCH (6 credits for MSG)\*

Social Work Research Methods & Analysis I & II (SW 5410/5450)

Introduction to Policy Research (PPAD 6010) & Intro to Evaluation Research Methods (PPAD 6750)

**Program Evaluation** (SW 6400; may substitute, when taken in same semester as 6496, at discretion of Program Director)

**Directed Research in Aging** (6510; may substitute at discretion of Program Director)

\* The first two pairings above are the preferred courses to meet this requirement.

#### Programmatic Track (1):

Service & Care – The MSG plan of study outlined in the boxes above. Intended for students wishing to develop competencies as a generalist gerontologist for the purpose of working with older adults in various service and clinical care settings, including long-term care, community-based care, hospice, etc.

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Required Credit Hours: MSG = 36

Grad Cert = 18

## Gerontology Graduate Program

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http://www.umsl.edu/~socialwk/Gerontology/index.html

Prospective students and those in need of academic advising should contact Dr. Meuser by e-mail to set up an individual appointment.

New students pursuing a Master of Science in Gerontology (MSG) are asked to declare a programmatic track (see bottom) or choose a tailored plan of study involving a combination to meet individual needs.

### **Program Learning Objectives**

Students will gain:

- A detailed appreciation for the aging process with respect to successful aging, health status, physical functioning, cognition and capacity, psychosocial involvement, diversity, cultural influences and competence, and public policy.
- An ability to integrate theoretical perspectives on aging with the practical needs and concerns of individuals in various living environments.
- An ability to interpret and appropriately utilize research findings to inform daily practice, especially with respect to screening, assessment, intervention, and referral activities.
- Professional competence in the areas of ethical practice, participation in multidisciplinary teams, communication with clients and families, assessment and intervention.

# Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management & Leadership (GCNML)

The GCNML is built into the Track 2 plan of study. All of the following courses (9 credits total) must be completed in order to graduate with the MSG+GCNML combination. The decision to join Track 2 is made in cooperation with the Program Directors of both units (NML Director, Dr. Nancy Kinney, KinneyN@msx.umsl.edu).

P P ADM 6300 - Management & Leadership of Nonprofit Organizations (Fall & Spring)

P P ADM 6310 - American Philanthropy & Nonprofit Resource Development (Spring)\*

P P ADM 6311 - Staff Management Issues in Nonprofit Organizations (Fall & Spring)

P P ADM 6312 - Legal Issues in Managing Nonprofit Organizations (Fall & Spring)

P P ADM 6313 - Financial Issues in Managing Nonprofit Organizations (Fall & Spring)

\* It may be possible to substitute a new special topics class in grant writing for this.

#### Programmatic Track (2):

**Program Administration** – Intended for students wishing to pursue a career in aging services administration (e.g., nonprofit administration with a focus on aging, long-term care administration, program coordination). There are no electives on this track; rather, the 9 elective hours are applied to the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management & Leadership as defined above.