Gerontology

Students wishing to work with older adults, either in direct practice or in an administrative capacity, may elect the Gerontology concentration.

MSW students can focus their attention on developing direct practice skills to work with older adults and their families as professional case managers or develop administrative skills, allowing them to work as administrators of long-term care facilities, adult day care centers, respite programs, area agencies on aging, the Division of Health & Senior Services, and others.

The following tables summarize the Gerontology Concentration Curriculum for full-time and part-time students. Generally, students take 9-12 hours per regular semester and 3-6 hours in the summer. Summer courses may include SW 5350, electives or practicum.

Gerontology Concentration Full-time Students	
Year 1	**Year 2**
Fall (15 credit hours) • SW 5100 Generalist Social Work Practice (3) • SW 5350 Social Work & Human Service Organizations (3) • SW 5410 Research Methods & Analysis I (3) • SW 5500 Foundations of Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) • SW 5700 Diversity and Social Justice (3)	***Fall*** (15 credit hours) • SW 5450 Research Methods & Analysis II (3) • SW 6150 Theory & Practice with Families (3) • SW 6443 Health Care Policy (3) • SW 6800 Graduate Field Practicum II (3) 300 hours/22 hrs/week: 3 days • Elective (3)
Spring (15 credit hours) • SW 5200 Social Policy and Social Services (3) • SW 5300 Community Practice & Social (3) • SW 5800 Graduate Field Practicum I (4) • SW 5801 Graduate Field Practicum Seminar (2) • Elective (3)	***Spring*** (15 credit hours) • SW5620 Theory and Practice with the Older Adults (3) • SW6400 Program & Practice Evaluation (3) • SW6650 Gerontological Assessment (3) • SW6850 Graduate Field Practicum III (3) • Elective (3)

Gerontology Concentration Part-Time Students			
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fall (6 credit hours) • SW 5100 Generalist Social Work Practice (3) • SW 5700 Diversity and Social Justice (3)	***Fall*** (6 credit hours) • SW 5350 Social Work & Human Service Organizations (3) • SW 5500 Foundations of Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3)	***Fall*** (9 credit hours) • SW 6150 Theory and Practice with Families (3) • SW 6443 Health Care Policy (3) • Elective (3)	***Fall*** (6 credit hours) • SW 6800 Graduate Field Practicum II (3) • Elective (3)
Spring (9 credit hours) • SW 5200 Social Policy & Social Services (3) • SW 5300 Community Practice & Social Change (3) • SW 5410 Research Method I (3)	***Spring*** (9 credit hours) • SW 5450 Research Methods & Analysis II (3) • SW 5800 Graduate Field Practicum I (4) • SW 5801 Graduate Field Practicum Seminar (2)	***Spring*** (6 credit hours) • SW 5620 Theory and Practice with Older Adults (3) • Elective (3)	***Spring*** (9 credit hours) • SW 6400 Practice and Program Evaluation (3) • SW 6650 Gerontological Assessment (3) • SW 6850 Graduate Field Practicum III (3)

It is anticipated that students who successfully complete the concentration will have gained and be able to demonstrate the following: *The objectives of the Gerontology Concentration content are currently being revised and will be available by Spring 2011.*