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Career Pathways and Continuing Education
Certificate in Gerontology

Program Information

The purpose of the gerontology certificate is to prepare students to provide services appropriate for an increasing population of aging clients. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, health care workers skilled in the care of aging adults, will be well-positioned for a promising career in today's competitive marketplace.



This program will:

- Provide the student an opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes conducive to the promotion of optimal wellness of geriatric clients.
- Teach students about prevention, healthy behavior promotion, self-management of chronic disease and patient-centered care in relation to geriatric patients.
- Provide 14 credit hours of courses that can be taken on a part-time basis, and completed in two regular semesters, or as an additional embedded option into a bachelor's degree with Methodist College.
- Indicates to prospective employers of the student's additional training and level of expertise in the wellness of the aging population.

While designed for those whose goal is a credential in gerontology, it can be used as a perfect complement to such fields as nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, health care management, and public health and planning.

Required Courses (14 Credit Hours)

GER 300 - Biophysical Aspects of Aging: Health Promotion and Wellness in Older Clients (4 credit hrs)

GER 310 - Social Gerontology: A Multidisciplinary Approach (3 credit hrs)

GER 320 - Aging and Mental Health (3 credit hrs)

GER 350 - Independent Project/Practicum in Gerontology (4 credit hrs)

Our Location:

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About Methodist College

With educational roots dating back to 1900, Methodist College offers a well-credentialed faculty and small class sizes, along with direct, hands-on training in clinical environments. You can go to school part-time or full-time, and even live in our spacious student housing complex. We are accredited by both the Higher Learning Commission and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Student Life

We encourage students to develop skills in judgment, leadership, analysis, decision making, and communication. Our philosophy regarding residence life and student activities embraces the college mission as we seek to involve students in a self-directed, lifelong journey of discovery and empowerment. Students may get involved in leadership opportunities through the Student Government Association, Student Nurses' Association, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, Resident Advisor program, Student Ambassador program, and much more!

How to Apply

Methodist College accepts applications at any point during the year. To be considered for admission, you must submit the following:

- Online Application and Fee
- Official high school transcripts
- SAT or ACT score (for students with less than 30 college credits)
- Official college transcript(s)
- Personal Statement & References (*not required, but recommended*)

After submitting your application, you will get a user name and password for your student portal, where you can check the status of your documents.

Contact the Admissions Team:

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