

# GERONTOLOGY

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DIVISION: Health Sciences

The Gerontology program will train you for a career in the field of aging. Aging affects all aspects of human activity, so gerontology is multi-disciplinary in nature. Gerontology is concerned with the study and application of knowledge about the physical, economic, and social conditions of older adults. After completing our two-semester long program, you can expect to find career opportunities in county councils on aging, social service agencies, housing authorities, long-term care, recreation facilities, and many other private and public agencies.

- Elder Care – Occupational Skills Certificate (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs/gerontology/elder-care-occupational-skills-cert/>)
- Gerontology – Certificate of Achievement, Associate in Science Degree (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs/gerontology/gerontology-as-cert-achievement/>)

## Courses

### GERO 001 INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY

**3 unit**

*Transfer Credit: CSU; UC*

Overview of the field of gerontology. Includes a multidisciplinary examination of how human aging is understood, including demographic trends, basic theories, concepts and philosophic ideas, social policies, planning issues, and services available to meet the needs and problems of older adults. Total of 54 hours of lecture.

**Grade Mode:** *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

### GERO 022 DIRECTED STUDIES IN GERONTOLOGY

**3 unit**

*Transfer Credit: CSU*

Grouping of short current topics designed to provide students with the latest ideas in a specific area of concentration in gerontology. Content is thematic in nature, with the foundation in advocacy. Each topic/presentation differs from other offerings in the same course. Total of 54 hours lecture.

**Grade Mode:** *Audit, Letter Grade*

### GERO 140 APPLIED HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT IN GERONTOLOGY

**3 unit**

Analysis of issues, services, methods, and interventions related to gerontologic practice and application of strategies for identifying and accessing services targeted for older adults and their families. Topics include the unique characteristics and needs of elders, the systems approach to working with elders, and issues affecting service delivery to this population (including diversity, gender, ethics, special health and mental health needs). Practice of the skills for effective service delivery to elders, families and caregivers with an emphasis on students' attitudes and roles when working with this population. Total of 54 hours lecture.

**Grade Mode:** *Letter Grade*