

THE GERONTOLOGY SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This program is intended for graduate social work students with a desire to work with aging populations in numerous settings (e.g., hospitals, rehab facilities, primary care placements, child welfare organizations, hospice, and other aging networks). The program equips students with the skills to cope with grief and loss, and to also help their patients age successfully.

STUDENTS WILL LEARN:

- ▶ *How to work in an interdisciplinary team*
- ▶ *About policies for funding programs*
- ▶ *About the mental health challenges impacting aging populations and their resilience in approaching life's problems*

The goal of this certificate is to reduce stigmas and discrimination associated with the normal aging process; to learn more about the resilience of older populations, including their life stories and coping capacities; and to prepare students for social work jobs with a diverse group of older adults.

STUDENTS WILL BECOME EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF AGING POPULATIONS IN SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WILL IMPROVE THEIR CAPACITY TO WORK WITH CLIENTS ACROSS THEIR LIFESPAN. STUDENTS WILL ALSO GAIN INTERDISCIPLINARY SKILLSETS, AND BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE UNIQUE STRENGTHS AND GIFTS OF OLDER ADULTS THAT SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL AGING.



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