WSU’s M.A. in aging studies equips students with the necessary skills to meet the growing needs of America’s aging population. Graduates will be well-equipped for a diverse range of career opportunities from aging research and counseling to employment in nursing facilities, assisted-living communities and mental health facilities.

**Master of Arts in Aging Studies**

_The Aging Studies program at Wichita State_

The M.A. in aging studies requires completion of 36-39 credit hours. The core courses are comprised of 18 credit hours and additional hours are chosen within three curricular tracks: social science*, public health and administrative.

In addition, students choose from one of three program-completion options: thesis, internship and coursework.

*The social-science track is fully offered online.

**Admission Requirements for the Program**

- Be admitted to the WSU Graduate School
- Have a 2.75 GPA in their last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Submit three references
- Take an advisor-approved, graduate-level statistics course IF a statistics course was not taken at the undergraduate level
- (International applicants) Have a TOEFL score of 575 paper-based or 88 Internet-based OR an overall minimum band score of 7.0 on the IELTS examination

**Graduate Emphasis in Aging Studies**

In addition to an M.A. degree, the College of Health Professions also offers a 12 – 15 hour concentration in aging studies, which may be taken as a part of a graduate degree program in another department.

**Three Routes to Earn your M.A. in Aging Studies**

**Option 1: Thesis**

- Core Courses
- Curricular track requirements
- AGE 895 Thesis Research (3 hrs)
- AGE 899 Thesis (3 hrs)
- Examination: oral defense of thesis

**Option 2: Non-Thesis: Internship**

- Core Courses
- Curricular track requirements
- AGE 810 Aging Studies Practicum (6 hrs)

**Option 3: Non-Thesis: Coursework**

- Core Courses
- Curricular track coursework to total at least 36 hours
- Examination: comprehensive written

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

In addition to the resources available through the WSU Office of Financial Aid, the College of Health Professions offers fellowships specifically for its students. To find out more, and how you can apply, visit wichita.edu/chpscholarships and wichita.edu/financialaid.

**Contact Information**

For more information about the aging studies programs at Wichita State University, call (316) 978-3060 or email agingstudies@wichita.edu. You can also visit the department online at wichita.edu/agingstudies.

**Core Curriculum for All Tracks**

- CSD 517 Communication in Aging - 3 credit hours
- AGE 702 Research Methods - 3 credit hours
- AGE 715 Adult Development & Aging - 3 credit hours
- AGE 798 Interprofessional Persp. on Aging - 3 credit hours
- AGE 804 Aging Programs and Policies - 3 credit hours
- AGE 818 Biology of Aging - 3 credit hours

**Curricular Tracks**

**Social Science**

- Must complete AGE 813 Sociology of Aging and AGE 814 Psychology of Aging
- PLUS
- Options 1 & 2: must complete two (6 hrs) of the following electives
- Options 3: must complete four (12 hrs) of the following electives

**Electives**

- AGE 512 Issues in Minority Aging
- AGE 515 Women and Aging
- AGE 516 Age, Work and Retirement
- AGE 520 Family & Aging
Electives, cont’d
- AGE 560 Aging Network Seminar
- AGE 663 Economic Insecurity
- AGE 780 Physical Dimensions of Aging
- AGE 825 Death and Dying
- AGE 827 Sexuality and Aging

Public Health*
- Options 1 & 2: must complete these five (15 hrs) courses
- Options 3: must complete these five (15 hrs) courses plus one elective (3 hrs)

Electives
- PHS 804 Principles of Statistics in Health Science
- PHS 808 Principles of Epidemiology
- PHS 812 Health Care Policy & Administration
- PHS 814 Social & Behavioral Aspects of Public Health
- PHS 816 Environmental Health

Administration
- Options 1 & 2: must complete four (12 hrs) of the following courses
- Options 3: must complete four (12 hrs) of the following courses and two electives (6 hrs)

Electives
- PHS 812 Health Care Policy & Administration
- HMCD 621 Supervisory Mgmt in Health Care Organizations
- HMCD 622 Human Resources Mgmt in Health Care Orgs
- HMCD 642 Financing Health Care Services
- HMCD 648 Concepts of Quality
- HMCD 660 Administrator-in-Training (AIT) Long-Term Care Practicum**

**AIT is a nine-credit-hour, 480-clock-hour practicum, which must be completed as part of the preparation for becoming a licensed nursing-home administrator in the state of Kansas.

To schedule a campus visit or contact the Office of Admissions, visit wichita.edu/campusvisit or call (316) 978-3085.

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