

Wichita State University Wichita, Kansas

Graduate Certificate in Functional Aging

Graduate Certificates are awarded to students who desire interdisciplinary course work to compliment their graduate degree program or to students who, for academic, personal, or professional reasons, desire graduate-level education not leading to a graduate degree. The Department of Human Performance Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and the Gerontology Program in the School of Community Affairs, offers the following certificate:

Functional Aging

This certificate is a 13 hour program of study which provides knowledge and training for those persons working in the field of aging. Completion of the certificate will help them to assist older adults in retaining sufficient levels of functional ability and to understand the physiologic changes that occur with aging and how those changes impact the quality of life for older adults.

Required Courses:

HPS 780 Physical Dimensions of Aging **OR**
GERO 715 Adult Development & Aging 3 hrs

PSY 508 Readings in Functional Aging **OR**
HPS 895 Applied Research 3 hrs

PSY 947 Seminar in Perception **OR**
CSD 812 Normal Aging, Aphasia and Dementia 3 hrs

PSY 820 Seminar in Human Factors **OR**
GERO 798 Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Aging 3 hrs

PSY 911 Seminar in Aging 1 hr

Admission Requirements:

Students must receive approval to enter this certificate program from their graduate advisor and the Certificate in Functional Aging Faculty Committee. In order to initiate the application process, candidates must provide a completed application form and a one-page statement to the Certificate in Functional Aging Faculty Committee which explains the candidate's purpose and interest in obtaining the certificate as well as the candidate's career plans. In addition to the above, students seeking a graduate certificate must be admitted to the Graduate School in a degree program or in non-degree, Category A status

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Degree Admission – The student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

Non-Degree, Category A – Students who already possess a graduate degree and who do not wish to pursue a second degree, should apply for non-degree, category A admission. The student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work.

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