

Gerontology Program

Gerontology, the interdisciplinary study of aging, offers students an understanding of their own aging and of society's response to the increasing population of older people. Gerontology coursework will provide information about the aging process and training to work in services and agencies that interact with older people.

What you will learn in the program

A Community Advisory Board—representing employers, educators, and gerontology program alumni—all participated in establishing the skill sets we expect students completing the gerontology program to be able to apply after graduation. At a minimum, our graduates will be able to:

- Interpret and apply gerontological theories in everyday life.
- Apply effective communication skills in a variety of settings.
- Demonstrate the use of solid research principles in supporting opinions/ideas.
- Evaluate and assess individual needs and environmental demands in preparing an appropriate plan to maintain functional capacity and adaptation at the optimal level throughout the life cycle.

Get your Certificate or Degree

Real-world training at a fraction of the cost

Prepare yourself for an entry-level position!

For more information contact:

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www.coastline.edu/academics/gerontology/

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Coastline's mission: Coastline Community College promotes academic excellence and student success for today's global students through accessible, flexible, innovative education that leads to the attainment of associate degrees, transfers, certificates, basic skills readiness for college, and career and technical education.



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Coastline is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, a nationally recognized regional accrediting agency.

COASTLINE'S GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM

Complete the Gerontology major or get a certificate in one year or less.



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Employment Opportunities

Graduates from this program can expect to find career placements in county councils on aging, area agencies on aging, social services agencies, housing authorities, long-term care, recreation facilities and many other public and private agencies.

Job titles in the field with a completion of an A.A. Degree/Certificate include:

- Home Care Companion
- Activity Director
- RCFE Administrator
- Adult Educator
- Transportation Coordinator
- Meal Coordinator
- Admission Coordinator
- Marketing Coordinator
- Travel/Tour Specialist
- Home Safety/Home Organization Specialist

Job titles in the field with a completion of a B.A. or M.A. plus the Gerontology Certificate include:

- Dept. of Human Services Worker
- Senior Center Director
- Administrator for assisted living
- Administrator for independent living
- Marketing Director
- Care Manager
- Geriatric Social Worker
- Geropsychologist
- Gerontologist

Major or Certificate (which is right for you)?

If you are working on an A.A. Degree you need to declare a major and complete 18 units of requirements within that major. If you would like an overview of the field of aging while completing your A.A. Degree, gerontology is a good option. Many of the courses are cross discipline and therefore count towards the major as well as your general education requirements for the A.A. Degree and for transfer to a four-year institution. If you would like more of a specialization in aging, including the opportunity to learn about careers and work or volunteer in the field, the certificate of achievement would be your best choice. Some of our students work on the Certificate as well as the A.A. Degree, but many of our certificate students already hold degrees and use their additional studies to add aging expertise to their resumes. Students also seek the certificate because they want to learn about their own aging process or because they are caring for a loved one and seek information to better their quality of life.

What can I do with a Certificate in Gerontology?

The world's demographics are quickly changing. The population 85 years and older is the fastest growing proportion of the world's population. Knowledge of the aging process can help in almost any field, from health care and travel to business, fashion and architecture. You can create your own business to fill a service niche or follow a more traditional path and work for a city, state or federal agency serving the elderly and their families.

How can I support the training of future gerontology students?

The Gerontology Program has a foundation account and donations are used to support networking and other events that are free for our students and alumni. To expand their professional contacts and experiences, students are offered stipends to attend meetings of professional groups in aging when they are held locally. The program also sponsors a competitive scholarship to offset the costs of books and student fees for more students each year. To make a donation, contact the Department at the number on this brochure.