

Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Gerontology

The Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) in Gerontology prepares students for the public health challenges of an aging population and the provision of competent care for older patients in medical settings, and to provide community resources and support to older adults and their family caregivers facing the end of life. This program will broaden the range of trained professionals in the senior care workforce across non-profit, tribal, and public sectors, as well as introduce students to the concept of specializing in geriatric medicine and/or a research career in gerontology. This OEC can be counted as elective credits toward the Bachelor of Science in Human Services program, or other degree programs with permission.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificates (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificates (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/oecrequirements/>).
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
COHI A420	Physical Activity and Aging	3
or HUMS A416	Substance Misuse Disorders and the Older Adult	
or SWK A473	Geriatric Social Work Practice	
or SWK A673	Geriatric Social Work Practice	
HS A305	Public Health for an Aging Society	3
HS A320	Death, Dying, and End-of-Life Care	3
PSY A150	Lifespan Development	3
PSY A450	Adult Development and Aging	3
Total		15

A minimum of 15 credits is required for the degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Gerontology will be able to:

- Identify the main behavioral, social, and environmental factors that influence age-related outcomes of the aging population and the individual older adult.

- Critique and analyze assumptions, stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination related to age (ageism) at both personal and public levels.
- Describe current strategies for disease prevention, including the key components of person-centered care and end-of-life care models, to generate contextually accurate recommendations for health promotion of older adults.