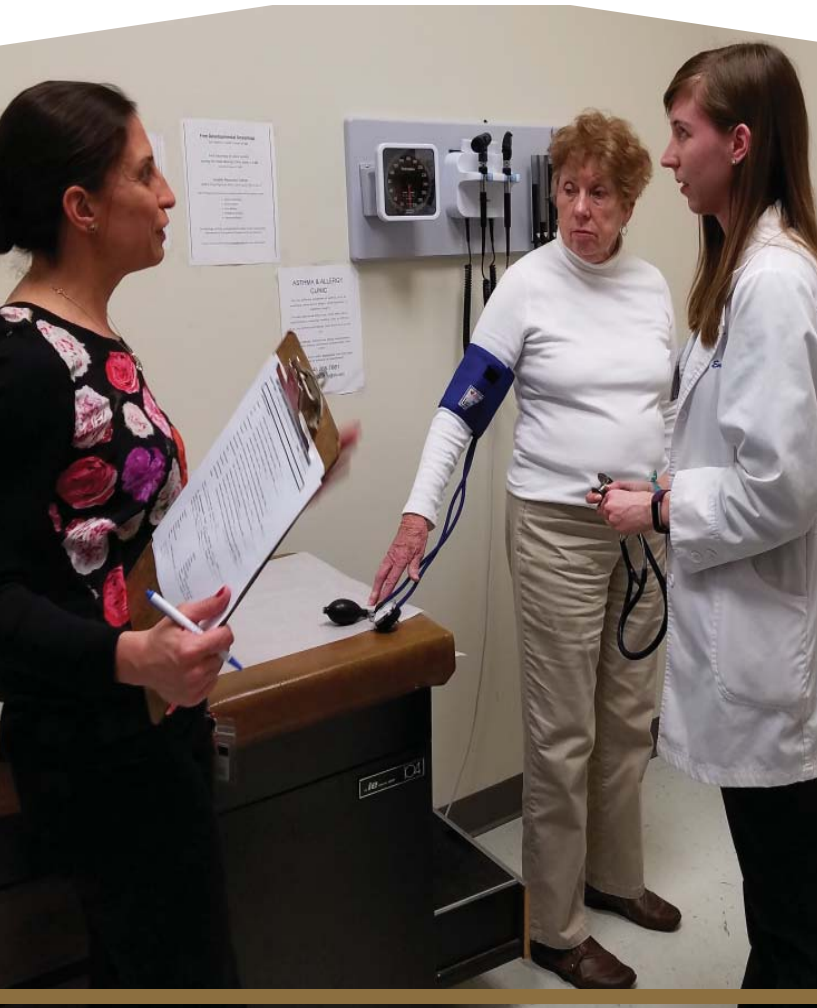


GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INTERPROFESSIONAL GERONTOLOGY



OVERVIEW

The Graduate Certificate in Interprofessional Gerontology is a 15-hour program that can be taken independently. It is an interdisciplinary, market-based educational opportunity for graduate students and working professionals to broaden their skill set and knowledge.

The certificate program aids in addressing the increasing need for health and social service professionals to care for our older adult population.

With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, care coordination and interprofessional care teams were identified as important to improving health outcomes, preventing hospitalizations, and reducing the cost of care for older adults. This certificate program will train individuals to be part of such teams. The certificate curriculum is designed using the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's (AGHE) Gerontology Competencies for Undergraduate & Graduate Education as a guide.

Students achieve an interdisciplinary education alongside peers from various fields which they will encounter in the workforce.

COURSE FORMATS

The Graduate Interprofessional Gerontology Certificate offers options online, on campus, or a combination of these formats. Courses are offered across programs including Social Work, Public Health, Nursing, Health Care Ethics, and Law, among others.



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MORE INFORMATION

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WHY CHOOSE SLU

- SLU has faculty across academic programs conducting person-centered, community-based projects. Gerontological research at SLU is interprofessional and practice informed with goals to improve access, quality, policy, and overall care for older adults and their families.
- SLU is founded on the Jesuit tradition of “educating the whole person” – our programs challenge and engage students intellectually by integrating the latest in theory and research into practice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Applications are accepted from current SLU graduate students and outside applicants. Applicants should possess a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. Outside applicants should submit an application form, which includes a brief statement of interest and experiences, and a fee of \$25 along with applicant’s transcript(s). Application deadlines are August 1 for fall and December 1 for spring. Current SLU students should schedule a meeting with the Certificate Coordinator to apply to the program.

THE GATEWAY GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER

Saint Louis University’s Gateway Geriatric Education Center (GEC) serves as a resource to certificate students through educational and clinical opportunities. The GEC develops leading-edge education for current and future geriatric health and social service professionals. With a focus on providing aging-related education to students, faculty, practitioners, and older adults and their care partners, the GEC emphasizes education in geriatric assessment and management of geriatric syndromes. Working with community and university partners across Missouri, the GEC targets underserved areas of the state where the impact of the shortage of health care providers who understand the special needs of geriatric patients is amplified.

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For specific information about the Graduate Certificate in Interprofessional Gerontology, visit <https://bit.ly/30UzETG>.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

15

Total Credit hours
4 courses and 1 practicum*

Students are required to complete a course within each of the three competency areas along with one elective.

Students take courses across Saint Louis University with a focus on:

Foundational competencies: Frameworks for understanding human aging; biological, social, and psychological aspects of aging; humanities and aging; research and critical thinking.

Interactional Competencies: Attitudes and perspectives, ethics and professional standards, communication with and on behalf of older persons, interprofessional and community collaboration.

Contextual Competencies: Well-being, health and mental health; social health; and policy.

** For non-SLU degree-seeking students, paid job experience with older adults or a related practicum from another program may be accepted in lieu of a practicum course. This experience must be within the past two years and verified in a letter from a supervisor.*

