

PHARMACY, DOCTOR OF (PHARM.D.)/AGING STUDIES, CERTIFICATE IN (POST- BACCALAUREATE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE) [DUAL DEGREE]

The Department of Gerontology, in cooperation with other programs at the university, provides students interested in working with elders or in gerontological settings with the opportunity to complete the Certificate in Aging Studies while also completing requirements for other degree programs. Students must apply separately to the participating programs and must meet all admission and degree requirements for both programs. In some cases, and with the approval of the advisers of both programs, course work in one program may be approved to satisfy a course requirement in another program.

In cooperation with the School of Pharmacy, the department provides an opportunity for students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program to complete the certificate. The 21-credit-hour program is designed to integrate the required independent study project in gerontology into the Pharm.D. curriculum's clerkship assignment.

Curriculum requirements

Course	Title	Hours
GRTY 601	Biological and Physiological Aging	3
GRTY/PSYC 602	Psychology of Aging	3
GRTY 603	Social Gerontology	3
GRTY 692	Independent Studies	2
GRTY elective(s)		3
PHAR 529	Clinical Therapeutics Module: Introduction to Special Populations	2
PHAR 533	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience: Patient Care	0.5
PHAR 565	Evidence-based Pharmacy II: Research Methods and Statistics	2.5
PHAR 566	Evidence-based Pharmacy III: Drug Literature Evaluation	2
Total Hours		21

The minimum total of graduate credit required for the certificate is 2.1

Contact the respective departments for additional curriculum information.

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