

GUIDED PATHWAY: GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Social Work webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/SocialWork) [www.dcccd.edu/SocialWork] and your academic advisor at the Eastfield Campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Social Work – Gerontology Certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn the Gerontology Level I Certificate. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The aging of the population is one of the most important demographic trends currently affecting the United States. The 60-plus population is growing more rapidly than any other major population group. Individuals who have studied gerontology (study in aging) are in high demand as expanding opportunities exist among individuals who provide direct services to older adults. Gerontology complements a variety of existing degree and certificate programs. Almost every area of study or practice that deals with people or their needs has a branch that is devoted to aging. This certificate will provide specific knowledge and skills in working with and relating to the older population. Courses that complete the Gerontology Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Level I Certificate	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 18 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 9

[GERS 1301](#) – Introduction to Gerontology

[GERS 1304](#) – Activity Directing I

CHOOSE ONE: [GERS 1310](#) – Social Work and the Aging **OR**
[SCWK 1313](#) – Introduction to Social Work

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
3. Meet with a faculty or career advisor regarding placement for the Practicum course.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 9

[GERS 1307](#) – Activity Directing II

[SCWK 2301](#) – Assessment and Case Management

[GERS 2366](#) – Practicum (or Field Experience)-Adult Development and Aging

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.
2. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Gerontology Certificate.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 18 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS