



APPLICATION FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE IN AGING

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR THE CERTIFICATE

The Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging is designed for graduate students enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) or elsewhere, professionals with graduate level credentials or the equivalent, and faculty members interested in expanding their knowledge in aging. The program consists of fifteen hours of graduate credit from a range of identified courses. Twelve of the credit hours are earned through course work, and three are earned through a practicum. In addition, students attend a seminar once a month for two consecutive semesters.

Students may apply for the Certificate in Aging in either fall or spring semester. Application must be made in accordance with the UNC-CH registration deadlines.

To enroll, applicants meet with the certificate advisor from their school/department (if they are a current UNC-CH student) or with a continuing education advisor to complete the study and practicum plan. The certificate advisor will submit the application to the program director.

Students will be accepted into the program if they meet the criteria and have identified an appropriate course of study. Non-degree students register for courses through the Division of Continuing Education after they are admitted to the program.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT

The practicum requirement is the equivalent of three course credits or 150 hours of contact time. Students may use the practicum to build skills through direct work with and/or on behalf of older adults, aging-related research, or aging-related policy work.

The intent of the practicum is to provide the Certificate in Aging student with hands-on, aging-related practice or research experience. Offerings in the student's home program such as an internship, field practicum, or supervised research project (including thesis work or a dissertation) focused on aging issues can satisfy this requirement. Community professionals can satisfy this requirement through approved work experience, in some cases including new experiences in their current work setting.

Students should plan how they will meet the practicum requirement with the certificate advisor in their home school/department and their practicum supervisor. These individuals as well as the Certificate Program Director must approve the practicum plan. The Practicum Plan must be submitted as part of this application.

At the completion of the practicum, the supervisor should complete an evaluation of the student's achievement of the practicum objectives. A form for this evaluation is available on the web at <http://www.aging.unc.edu/certificate/>.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

The student and certificate advisor retain copies of the completed, signed forms, and forward the original to the director:

Sheryl Zimmerman
Certificate in Aging Program Director
Campus Box 3550



INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE IN AGING APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____ PID: _____

| College/University | Location (City/State) | Degree Awarded | Date |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Current Degree Program (Graduate or Professional): _____

Anticipated Degree Date: _____

Campus Box: _____

Current Professional Position: _____

STATEMENT OF INTEREST: Why you are interested in pursuing the Certificate at this time?

2. STUDY PLAN

This table must be fully completed or the application will be returned to the student.

| AREA (credits required) | COURSE NAME | COURSE NUMBER | HOURS/ CREDITS | SEMESTER and YEAR |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Health (3) | | | | |
| Human Behavior (3) | | | | |
| Policy (3) | | | | |
| Elective (3) | | | | |
| Practicum (3 credits/150 hours) | | | | |
| Seminar* (0) | N/A | N/A | 0 credits | |

*Seminars will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings

3. ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE: _____

SIGNATURES: The student and certificate advisor should sign and date the form, retain copies, and forward the original to Sheryl Zimmerman, Certificate in Aging Program Director, Campus Box 3550.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Program Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

