

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Goals:

What are we attempting to do for our students?

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is designed to provide a strong grounding in normal aspects of aging, challenges faced in providing services to older adults, and current national and local issues that impact service delivery.

How well are we doing what we are attempting?

At present, we have no students who have graduated with the Certificate (one will be receiving her Certificate in December). At that time, one of the two coordinators from the Office for Studies on Aging will interview that student to obtain feedback on the current sequence of courses and course options. Feedback will be shared with the Steering Committee and the Graduate Dean.

What might be modified to make our program better?

Program modifications will be implemented after feedback has been received from graduating students. The Steering Committee has already developed an on-line version of the certificate program in response to feedback about difficulties in taking classes at pre-established times on campus.

Assessment late in the program will include:

- 1) Internship/Clinical Experience
- 2) Capstone Course

We have no students who have graduated three or more years ago. When we do have such students, we will create an on-line survey using the U of A's SNAP software, with results reviewed by the Gerontology Certificate Steering Committee (Shadden, DiBrezza, Turner, DeCoster). Changes will be made as appropriate.