

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE OF DENVER  
Department of Health Professions

*Gerontology Minor*  
*Student Requirements*

1. Students should discuss the selection of a minor with their major advisor.
2. Once the student and the major advisor have determined that Gerontology is an appropriate minor, the student should call the Department of Health Professions at (303-556-3130) to make an advising appointment with the coordinator of the Gerontology minor. At that time the Advisor will review the requirements of the minor, courses that meet required and support courses, transfer courses (as appropriate), and suggest possible course sequencing.
3. Students planning to minor in Gerontology should meet with their advisor at least once each year to assure timely course progression and completion of the minor. The advisor can help the student schedule courses, review CAPP reports, assist with CAPP adjustments and discuss career possibilities, as well as potential graduate schools.
4. Students must receive grade of “C” or better in all courses in the minor.
5. Students must have a GPA of 2.0 or better in the minor.
6. Arrangements for completing HES 4520, the Internship in Gerontology, should be made with the Gerontology advisor prior to enrolling in the Internship.

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### Gerontology Minor Program Requirements

**Total Credits required is 21.**

The student must complete all of the Core Course Requirements, twelve (12) credit hours and at least nine (9) credit hours from either the Liberal Arts Orientation or the Professional Services Orientation.

**Core Courses Requirements:**

|          |   |   |
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| SOC 1040 | 3 | Introduction to Social Gerontology          |
| PSY 3270 | 3 | Adulthood and Aging                         |
| HES 3810 | 3 | Physiology of Aging for Non-Biology Majors  |
| or       |   |   |
| BIO 3530 | 3 | Physiology for Aging for Non-Biology Majors |
| HES 4520 | 3 | Internship in Gerontology                   |

The first three (3) courses must be taken prior to selecting courses from an area of orientation.

HES 4520, the Internship in Gerontology, must be taken the last semester of minor course work. It may be taken with one other approved course from the orientation options. The student must contact the Gerontology advisor the semester prior to registering for this course.

**Orientations:**

The student must select one of the following orientations and take a minimum of nine (9) credit hours. Note that some of these courses require pre-requisites. Please refer to the College catalog for details.

*Liberal Arts Orientation*

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|------|------|---|--|
| RECR | 2330 | 3 | Advocacy, Leisure, and the Aging Adult |
| PSY  | 2270 | 3 | Death and Dying                        |
| SOC  | 3040 | 3 | Contemporary Issues in Gerontology     |
| SOC  | 3100 | 3 | Death and Dying                        |
| SPE  | 4760 | 3 | Communication with the Elderly         |

*Professional Services Orientation*

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|------|------|---|---|
| HCM  | 3020 | 3 | Management Principles in Health and Illness     |
| NUT  | 3100 | 3 | Nutrition and Aging                             |
| HSL  | 1420 | 3 | Activities and Fitness Programs for the Elderly |
| RECR | 2330 | 3 | Advocacy, Leisure, and the Aging Adult          |
| RECR | 3070 | 3 | Health Movement Problems in the Aging Adult     |
| PSY  | 2270 | 3 | Death and Dying                                 |
| SWK  | 3020 | 4 | Case Management in Social Work Practice         |
| SWK  | 3030 | 4 | Social Work with the Aging                      |